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## DR. LANDRUM TO SPEAK ON MISS. RADIO HOUR



JOHN W. LANDRUM

Dr. John W. Landrum, pastor of the First Church, Canton, will be the speaker on the Mississippi Radio Hour Sunday afternoon at 2:30 over the following stations:

WSLI, Jackson; WCBI, Columbus; WMOX, Meridian; WROB, West Point; WELO, Tupelo; WROX, Clarksdale; WLAU, Laurel; WLOX, Biloxi; WAPF, McComb; WJMB, Brookhaven; WNRG, Grenada.

## PRESIDENT STRESSES HOME SPIRITUAL VALUES

CHICAGO—(RNS)—Expressing his "wholehearted endorsement" of the seventh annual observance of National Family Week, scheduled for May 1-8, President Truman called upon the American people to "emphasize the spiritual values in family life."

The President's appeal was issued in a letter in behalf of himself, Rabbi Hirsch E. L. Freund of the Synagogue Council of America, New York; and the Rev. Edgar Schmiedeler of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, Washington, D. C.

"If is difficult to think of a stable home which is not under-girded with a deep religious faith—an implicit trust in the wisdom of Divine Providence and the guidance which alone come from On High," Mr. Truman wrote.

Describing the home as the foundation of society, the President said:

"I am happy to give my wholehearted endorsement to the seventh annual observance of National Family Week, May 1-8 next, under the sponsorship of the Interfaith Committee representing Jews, Catholics and Protestants. I hope this observance will focus the attention of all our people upon the home as the basic unit of our national life."

## Convention Program Released

SEVERAL MISSISSIPPIANS TO HAVE LEADING PARTS

### Senate Threatens Religious Liberty

By Louie D. Newton

Grateful for slight evidences here and there of an awakening on the part of our people to the subtle encroachments of the Roman hierarchy upon the cherished principles of religious liberty in our country, and of the present terrific pressure of the National Educational Association, aided by the Roman hierarchy, to push through this Congress Senate Bill 246, providing for Federal aid to parochial schools; I cite here four voices which I trust we will heed:

First: "To compel a man to furnish contributions of money for the propagation of opinions, which he disbelieves or abhors, is sinful and tyrannical,"—Thomas Jefferson, "Bill for Establishing Religious Freedom," 1779.

Second: "It is proper to take alarm at the first experiment upon our liberties . . . The freemen of America did not wait till usurped power had strengthened itself by exercise and entangled the question in precedents. They saw all the consequences in the principle, and they avoided the consequences by denying the principle,"—James Madison, 1787.

Third: "While we are lamenting the loss of religious liberty and other civil rights, in different sections of the world, it behooves us to open our eyes to insidious encroachments here in our own land. With a great price, our fathers purchased this great freedom which we now enjoy. Let us see to it that we do not forget it, nor allow

### BSU Retreat Speaker



ROBERT S. DENNY

Mr. Robert S. Denny, Associate Southwide BSU Secretary, Nashville, is to be on the program of the State Retreat for BSU Officers to be held at First Church, Jackson, April 22-23. The theme of the Retreat is "The Lord Be Magnified."

anybody else to forget it,"—George W. Truett, 1939.

Fourth: "If we do not continue to recognize the principle of complete separation of church and state in practice and theory, the liberty of the individual will ultimately disappear,"—U. S. Senator Walter F. George, 1949.

## Federal Council Asks Resistance to Communist Anti-Religious Efforts

NEW YORK—(RNS)—An appeal to all Churches to stand together in resistance to Communist efforts to destroy the influence of religion was made here by the Federal Council of Churches.

In a "Declaration of Religious Freedom," adopted by its executive committee at a meeting here, the Council said Communist-controlled governments were directing a "systematic" assault on all forms of organized religion "which refuse to be the tools of a secular policy."

The executive committee also approved a message to the Churches on "Moral Responsibility and United States Power" adopted in Cleveland by the recent National Study Conference on the Churches and World Order. Another document the committee considered was "Freedom of Religion and Related Human Rights"

which was likewise referred to it by the Cleveland conference.

In considering the latter document, the executive group called on the Federal Council's advisory committee to confer with officers of the World Council of Churches, Geneva, to weigh the attitude of the Churches in other lands toward proposals made in "Freedom of Religion."

### SUGGESTS VATICAN CONFERENCE

This document contained a proposal that a conference between Vatican officials and officers of the World Council be held if possible in order that "clear understanding be reached as to what each means by religious liberty for all men everywhere, and under every form of government, and as to methods whereby the full observance thereof should be sought."

Other major points in "Freedom (Continued On Page Two)

The annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention, which is to be held in Oklahoma City, May 18-22, will have as its theme "Always Bearing . . ." (II Cor. 4:10), with Dr. Robert G. Lee, President of the Convention, presiding. Dr. Warren Angell is Director of Music for the Convention. Running from Wednesday through Sunday, sessions will be held each morning, each afternoon except Saturday, and each evening.

The opening session will hear a report of the committee on Order of Business, from Dr. E. Hermond Westermoreland, Chairman; Welcome Address by Dr. Andrew Potter, Oklahoma; Response by Dr. Wallace R. Rogers, South Carolina. During the call to worship, Dr. Sankey L. Blanton of North Carolina, Rev. Cary E. Cox and Billy S. Hilbun, of Mississippi will appear on the program and Rev. Norman Cox, pastor of First Church, Meridian, will deliver the Convention Sermon.

Features of the Wednesday afternoon session include addresses from Dr. H. H. Hobbs, Alabama; Dr. J. M. Dawson, Dr. Charles H. Bolton, and Dr. Duke K. McCall.

Nelson Tull, Lawson H. Cooke, and Dr. Merrill D. Moore, will address the (Continued On Page Two)

## POPE PIUS MAY HASTEN THE PROCLAMATION OF THE ASSUMPTION DOGMA

ROME—(RNS)—Pope Pius XII may hasten his anticipated proclamation of the dogma of the Assumption, according to reports in Catholic circles here. The dogma teaches that the Virgin Mary was assumed bodily into heaven shortly after her death.

Catholic sources say that efforts inside Iron Curtain countries to create national churches which would have no link with the Vatican have made it more necessary than ever to affirm the supreme sovereignty of the Pope. This could be done most effectively, according to the Catholic sources, by a solemn proclamation of the Assumption doctrine.

The dogma would be the first promulgated since 1870, when the Vatican Council proclaimed the infallibility of the Pope in matters of faith and morals.

Although the doctrine of Mary's Assumption has not been a required belief among Catholics, it is still a universally-accepted teaching. It has been classed as "a probable opinion, the denial of which would be impious and blasphemous." The quoted phrases are from an official statement by Pope Benedict XIV.



## CONVENTION PROGRAM

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Convention on Wednesday evening, and the President's address will be heard at 8:45.

On Thursday morning, the Education Commission report will be given by Dr. Charles D. Johnson. Each of the three seminary reports will be given by Presidents Roland Q. Leavell, Ellis A. Fuller, and E. D. Head. Dr. Roland Q. Leavell will bring an address on Christian Education and Dr. T. L. Holcomb will present the Sunday School Board report.

Reports from the Historical Society, Committee on Church Organizations, Radio Commission, Commission to Study Field of Theological Education, and the Committee on Western Assembly will be given on Thursday afternoon by Dr. W. O. Carver, Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins, Dr. S. F. Lowe, Dr. John H. Buchanan, and Dr. Perry F. Webb, respectively. Officers will be elected before the adjournment.

Thursday evening has been designated as Home Mission Night. Addresses will be heard from Dr. J. B. Lawrence and Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn.

Perry Hayden will address the Convention on Friday morning. Before his address the following reports will be heard: Committee to Study Hospital Policy, Dr. Perry Crouch; Southern Baptist Hospital, Dr. Frank Tripp; Report of Committee on Committees; Report of Committee on Boards, Harold W. Seever; Report of Committee on Time, Place and Preacher; Report of Committee on Resolutions; Report of Committee to Study By-Law 17, Dr. Louie D. Newton; Committee to Investigate Oregon Petition, Dr. C. C. Warren, and Relief and Annuity Board, Dr. Walter R. Alexander.

Rev. S. A. Newman will give the report of the Inter-Convention Committee on Negro Ministerial Education at the Friday afternoon session. L. S. Sedberry will address the group in behalf of the American Baptist Theological Seminary. The W. M. U. Work will be presented by Mrs. George R. Martin and Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon will discuss the Social Service Commission. U. S. Senator Robert Kerr will bring the afternoon address.

Friday night is designated at Foreign Mission Night, with American Bible Society and the Foreign Mission Board being presented by Rev. Thomas T. Holloway and Dr. M. T. Rankin.

Saturday morning reports will be made by the Committee to Discuss "Common Problems" with Northern Baptists, by Dr. T. C. Gardner; Baptist Papers, by Dr. R. T. Skinner; Baptist World Alliance, by Dr. Paul Caudill; Southern Baptists, by Dr. George W. Sadler; Chaplain's Commission, by Dr. Dick H. Hall, Jr., and Memorial Service, by Dr. W. F. Powell.

Dr. Frank H. Leavell, Secretary of the Student Department of the Sunday School Board, will have charge of the Saturday evening session, designated as Youth Revival Night.

Services on Sunday morning will be held in local churches under the direction of local committees.

Christian Home Service, under the direction of the Home Life editor, Dr. Joe W. Burton, will be the feature of the Sunday Afternoon session.

J. E. Lambdin, Southwide Training Union Secretary, will direct the Training Union Hour. Dr. C. E. Matthews will be in charge of the Evangelistic service, with Dr. Ellis A. Fuller bringing the message of the evening.

## CHAS. CORNELL ACCEPTS PHILIPP PASTORATE



Rev. Charles Cornell accepted the pastorate of Philipp Church in February and he and his wife and son, George, are now living on the field.

Mr. Cornell, a native of Arkansas, graduated from the Southwestern Theological Seminary in January, 1949. He also holds a degree from Ouachita College in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, and has held pastorates in Arkansas and Texas.

Mrs. Cornell is a graduate of the School of Religious Education of the Southwestern Seminary.

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COUNTY LINE CHURCH, JONES County, has invited all former members to the Home Coming Day on April 3. The program will consist of all day singing.

## "Gems For Thought About The Bible" To Be Broadcast By Dr. Francis C. Stifler

"What Are You Reading?" and "The Book that Speaks for Itself" are the titles for the first day's broadcasts in the "Gems For Thought About the Bible" series by Dr. Francis C. Stifler, American Bible Society secretary, and editor of the Society's magazine, the BIBLE SOCIETY RECORD.

Two different programs will be broadcast each Friday, April 1 through September 30, at 7:45 a. m. and 10:30 p. m. Central Standard Time, over the ABC network.

Dr. Stifler, a Baptist minister, is well known among Southern Baptists through his speaking at Southern Baptist Convention meetings and at the Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly. Two of his books, "Every Man's Book" and "The Bible Speaks to You," have been included in Sunday School Board lists of books recommended for church libraries and for mission study. Dr. Stifler has become noted for his skill in presenting human interest stories about the translation and distribution of the Bible. This six-month schedule marks his eleventh annual series of radio talks about the Bible.

Other titles in these broadcasts include: "They Read It in a Russian Newspaper," "A Bible for a Day," "The Primer of Freedom," "Finding God With Your Fingers" and "Japan, Four Years After." Leaflets listing the complete series of titles, with dates, may be secured without charge, for individual use or in quantities for distribution, by writing to Dr. Francis G. Stifler, American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, N. Y.

## FEDERAL COUNCIL

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of Religion" follow:

"While keenly aware of the evils to be opposed in Communism our efforts to overcome these evils must not be characterized by an attitude of self-righteous hatred.

"While directing our opposition to the makers, administrators, and champions of totalitarian policy, we must avoid any words or actions which will deepen the chasm between us, as Christians, and the people in Communist countries.

"While fully resolved to resist Communist totalitarianism, we must not have recourse to methods which are calculated to inflame public opinion in support of a religious war."

## COMMUNISTS WOULD DESTROY

The Council's executive committee, in appealing to all Churches to resist Communist attacks on religion, said Communist-controlled nations wished to destroy religion by such methods as "preventing the Churches from maintaining schools for the religious education of their children, banning Christian youth movements or sharply circumscribing their activities."

Also by "eliminating or controlling Christian publications, forcing strong Church leaders out of their positions and supplanting them with submissive personalities, and isolating the Churches from fellowship and contact with Churches in other lands."

Defining the position of the Churches as involving "the defense of a rightful freedom as over against the pretensions of the totalitarian state," the Federal Council declared:

"They must stand together in resisting, in such ways as are appropriate to the Church, every attempt of a godless political regime to curtail or to destroy the influence of religion."

## FASCISTS ALSO DANGEROUS

The executive committee went on to say that in addition to Communism the "totalitarianism of a fascist type" was also potentially dangerous.

"States which profess to be defending the rights of religion," it said in this connection, "may in practice be denying those rights by their treatment of minority groups.

"We cannot be silent about the fact that in Spain, the Argentine and elsewhere there are today grievous abridgments of religious freedom. In championing religious freedom we mean freedom from coercion by any earthly power, whether political or ecclesiastical, that assumes the prerogative of God and attempts to control the conscience of the individual."

The Council said the threat faced by the Churches in other lands "is a ringing call to Christians, in lands that are still free, to redouble their efforts in behalf of social justice and human rights" because "it is in the soil of misery and injustice that Communism thrives."

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WE OFFER AS EVIDENCE OF THE fact that some people thoroughly believe in the Baptist Record in the instance of a Mississippi pastor who was recently given a check for more than \$25 by the people of his church. He promptly sent the check to the Baptist Record with instructions to send the Record to his people for as long as the money would pay.

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GOLDEN GATE SEMINARY HAS elected Mrs. Clyde L. Jackson as head librarian.

## SIX GREAT DAYS

## SIX ONE-DAY REVIVAL MEETINGS

at

Clinton .....	April 4
Brookhaven .....	April 5
Biloxi .....	April 6
Meridian, 15th Ave. Church .....	April 7
Pontotoc .....	April 8
Clarksdale .....	April 9

Who should come? Multitudes—men, women, boys and girls—EVERYBODY.

Sessions from 9:00 o'clock a. m. to 9:00 o'clock p. m. Morning, Afternoon, Evening.

Dinner will be served on the grounds. The people are invited to bring a basket with sufficient food for an extra guest. When Baptists pray together, work together, study the Bible together, eat together, they will win souls together. The goal for Mississippi Baptists is "20,000 won to Christ in '49."



DR. ROBERT G. LEE, Speaker



## Mississippi Baptists — Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails." I Corinthians 13:8

By William P. Davis  
Assistant Executive Secretary

Tremendous and exciting days are these in which Mississippi Baptists are called upon to go soul-trekking. Happenings momentous pack each day so full that trekking must be done amid the blur and blurr of a nauseated earth. Ours is a defeated and bewildered world which is both our heritage and the work of our hands. In the white harvest fields are stumbling and fumbling minds foggy in the glare of neon glitter—troubled humanity feeling that it is on the wrong road; bewailing the fact, but uncertain which way to go.

Paganism is our culture's terminology, but sin is the diagnosis of the Great Physician. Because of sin, men hate each other, envy each other, cheat, wrong and defraud one another; because of sin men are catty, picayune, gossipy gullible; men wound each other; men betray each other; men kneel in their churches, but with serpent-like subtlety hurl back-alley darts of death and defamation; because of sin divorce rackets flourish, morality declines, churches are depopulated, and anti-religion lifts his proud face in our daily press, flings his cooing voice over the radio and indoctrinates our youth in many classrooms of our public schools, colleges and universities. Because of sin, men are tired, weary and heavy-laden, wretched, careworn, sad, and lost. Sin has ruined and doomed men.

Reflecting upon sin's dreadful havoc, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, sacred penmen wrote: "All we like sheep have gone astray. We have turned everyone to his own way." (Isa. 53:6) "They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good. . . . They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: There is none that doeth good, no, not one." (Psalm 14:1-3.)

Sin has caused a complete estrangement of man from God. "We are dead in trespasses and sins." Lost sinners are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of ignorance that is in them, (Eph. 4:17-19), they have no hope and are without God, (Eph. 2:12). But more can be said about lost sinners—"the Scriptures shut up all things under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe, (Gal. 3:22; Romans 11:32). Ah yes! Only in Jesus Christ can a remedy for sin be found. But vast numbers of people of our white harvest fields are blind; they refuse to see the seriousness of their plight. They are like the condition described in the story of the Red Dragon.

Once upon a time, a man was hunting when suddenly from nowhere a mad bear dashed at him. The man ran as fast as the wind until he came to a cistern. The bear was only a few feet behind him. Safety seemed to be in the cistern. The man jumped into the cistern, and fell and fell. In falling, his eyes caught sight of a small tree growing in the wall of the cistern. Quickly his hands clasped a branch. While clinging to the branch, the man looked downward only to see at the bottom a Red Hot Dragon, spouting steam from his nostrils.

The man's hands reached for a new grip, and in reaching he felt the tree move downward. He looked at the roots and saw a white rat gnawing the only root holding the tree.

Now what could he do? A Red Hot Dragon below him and a mad bear over him. Imminent destruction stared him in the face!

While swinging in his predicament, the man's eyes fell upon a honey bee depositing honey on a leaf. Quite forgetful of his doom, the man reached over to lick honey, saying, "Why be excited, perhaps

there ain't no dragon, there ain't no bear. I am only frustrated."

Similar attitudes grip many of the people to whom Mississippi Baptists are to go soul-trekking. But, generally speaking, multitudes are clinging to hope by the pool of Bethesda, saying to us: "Yes, it is a reality; we are sick, wounded, frustrated, crippled; we are lost sinners, but when the water is troubled, there is no one to put us in. All we see is spasmodic effort to help save and heal us. Once a year you come around with a seven day revival meeting. Almost twelve months you leave us without diagnosis or prescription. What you Mississippi Baptists need is a program of evangelism irresistible. The program prescribed by that Strange Galilean Physician."

From the throne room of the ancient past comes the voice of the Galilean Physician, the Great Physician of every generation, screaming to us: "Look down, look down those long Bethesda highways. People whom I love are down there; they are lost. The water is troubled. You put them in. To get all of them in, more than annual revivals must be used. What is your response?"

Jesus is calling upon Mississippi Baptists to make soul-trekking their fatuous joy—a joy that keeps tugging and controlling until the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Christ.

Soul-trekking is a fatuous joy! Make soul-trekking our program. Do Mississippi Baptists have a soul-trekking program? Do Southern Baptists have such a program? Thank God! The answer is YES. It is the ancient and accepted program of Him who in the grey dawn of a Galilean Day declared: "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in."

The first simultaneous revivals recorded in the New Testament were led by Jesus and John the Baptist, a rabbit-hutch preacher, in the jungles of the Jordan. The story is told in this manner: "After this Jesus and his disciples went into the countryside of Judaea, and there he was staying with them and baptizing. John also was baptizing in Aenon, near Salim, because there were many streams there, and people kept coming to receive baptism." (John 3:22-24.)

I believe it is no error to say revivals of the New Testament were simultaneous efforts. This is the New Testament record: "Then Peter, with the eleven, stood up and addressed them in a loud voice." There you have simultaneous mass evangelism. A more revealing statement is—"Are not these Galileans who are speaking?"—Seventeen nationalities in all. By means of simultaneous revivals those nationalities heard the gospel. Simultaneous mass evangelism had its beginning in the New Testament. It would seem from a study of the life of Christ that simultaneous evangelism was initiated and directed by Him. His disciples went, under his direction, everywhere preaching and teaching—at the same time.

Too long Southern Baptists have left evangelism to chance with the hope that good would come out of it. Unlike the Sunday School, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood, Southern Baptists have not had until recently, an organized, unified program of evangelism. Today we have our Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism, a program which has grown out of the hearts of scores of the strongest and most experienced leaders among Southern Baptists in the area of evangelism. The program is built upon a standard of excellence as follows: (1) A separate Department of Evangelism; (2) A full-time State Secretary of Evangelism; (3) Two associational officers in each Association—an Organizer and a Chairman;

(4) An Evangelism Council in each church, composed of pastor (as chairman) and the head of each of the church agencies.

The program calls for a State Secretary of the Department of Evangelism. The success of the Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism depends largely upon the State Secretary of the Department of Evangelism.

What about this man? His responsibilities are so heavy that as much care and prayer should be given to his selection as to the selection of an Executive Secretary. He should have a good record as a pastor and an evangelist. His first duty is to lead every association in the state in organizing. The associational organization for evangelism consists of an Organizer and a Chairman. Second, planning the annual statewide evangelistic conferences and the one-day evangelistic revivals. Third, organizing and conducting simultaneous crusades. "The State Secretary of Evangelism must go further than supervising the permanent associational organization of the associations in his state in the election of an associational director and general chairman." Fourth, the Secretary of Evangelism should give wide publicity to evangelism. These are briefly the duties of the Secretary of Evangelism. These duties Dr. McCall has shouldered through the years, and only eternity can tell fully how far he has led Mississippi Baptists.

Now, a word about the associational organization. Wherever an association is organized for evangelism, simultaneous revivals are effectively promoted and executed. The associational officers are Associational Organizer and Associational Chairman, each elected annually by the Executive Board of the association. The ideal man for Organizer is the Associational Missionary. If the association does not have a missionary, a soul-winning pastor of leadership ability should be elected. He should lead every church in his association to have at least one revival each year. His chief duty is to help promote a simultaneous crusade in his association each year. Unorganized associations do not carry forward simultaneous soul-winning crusades. There must be organization.

The associational chairman should be an influential pastor who knows how to promote programs. He is responsible for programs for all meetings pertaining to evangelism in his association. He is chairman of the Steering Committee. He should know the duties of each committee and give guidance in selecting individuals capable and adaptable for each place. He should have a meeting of the Steering Committee at least six months before the simultaneous crusade begins. He should have a meeting of the Steering Committee once a month. During the crusade he works with the Director. He plans and promotes all fellowship meetings. He presides at the fellowship meetings, receives reports and conserves time for the Director. When the crusade is over the Chairman should see that a summarized copy of a final and complete report from each church engaging in the crusade is sent to his State Department of Evangelism, the Baptist Record and the Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board. When reports are finished, he should begin to plan immediately for the next campaign.

The question may be raised, "What about the churches in a simultaneous crusade?" The Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism is:

1. "Definitely a concerted effort, all of the churches in a given territory doing the same thing the same way at the same time (a Pentecostal condition).
2. It is church-centered. The revival is conducted in the local church. It employs all of the church agencies. It strengthens every phase of local church work and makes possible conservation of results.
3. If properly directed, it will command the attention of saint and sinner.
4. It fixes responsibility with individuals

TANGIPAHOO  
BAPTIST CHURCH

Shown above is the sign near Tangipahoo, Pike County, which shows the location of the church.

duals and churches. The association-wide simultaneous crusade enlists every church and employs an army of people.

5. The simultaneous method leaves the prospect without excuse. There is a church in every community involved.

6. It gives every church, large or small, the same assistance and direction in leadership. It places every church on an equality.

7. It enables any state, regardless of size, to have at least one revival in every church and unchurched community every year, something that no other method known to Southern Baptists can do.

8. The association-wide revival crusade properly conducted, we believe, is the answer to the problem of churches making an annual report of no baptisms."

Since it is a church centered program, the next step is a Church Council for Evangelism. The personnel of the Council should be: (1) the pastor, who is the chairman of the Council; (2), the Sunday School Superintendent; (3), the Training Union Director; (4), the President of the Woman's Missionary Union; (5), the President of the Brotherhood. The entire program of evangelism in the local church should be promoted by this Council. There are many duties of this Council. Its work is never finished.

Reference has been made to an associational Steering Committee. Personnel of that Committee are: The Associational Chairman, Chairman of Finance Committee, Chairman of Publicity Committee, Chairman of Radio Committee, Fellowship Chairman, Special Rallies Chairman and Prayer Chairman.

All associations are urged to organize for victory. The Organizer and Chairman ought to be elected before the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. A great Pre-Convention Conference on evangelism will be held at the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Monday night, May 16. What it would mean to the Cause of Christ if every association in Mississippi would elect and send the Organizer and Chairman to that conference!

This is my conviction: Mississippi Baptists will not lag. They will go soul trekking; they will march forward as a mighty band of soul-winners. They will lead in the forefront of the simultaneous evangelistic crusade to be held in every church, in every association, in every state east of the Mississippi River, March 25-April 8, 1951.

Our immediate opportunity for evangelism is extended to us through the six One-Day Evangelistic Revivals to be held the first week in April. Dr. Robert G. Lee will be the featured speaker. The meetings will begin at nine a. m. and continue throughout the day and evening. Dr. Lee will speak at 11:00 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. These revivals are for the multitudes. Our people from everywhere are invited and urged to attend.

Above all else, let us hear the words of that Strange Galilean: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he thrust forth laborers into the harvest field." When we care enough, we will pray enough; when we pray enough, we will trek enough.



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## A Mississippi Feast

Mississippi Baptists have a treat in store for them April 4-9. The six One-Day Evangelistic Revivals to be held in six different Mississippi towns, with pastors from every section of the state on the program and Dr. R. C. Lee preaching twice each day offer an unusual opportunity for real spiritual feasts.

The program (printed in full in the March 17 issue) is well-planned and should capture the attention of all.

The meetings are to be held as follows: Clinton, April 4; Brookhaven, April 5; Biloxi, April 6; Meridian, 15th Avenue Church, April 7; Pontotoc, April 8; and Clarksdale, April 9.

The program begins at 9:00 a. m. and continues throughout the day until 9:30 in the evening.

## It's Wrong Anytime

According to Religious News Service, an effort is being made in the Legislature of Delaware to legalize gambling for charitable purposes.

And to their credit, the Dover District Ministerial Association of the Methodist Church is opposing it.

Gambling, under any circumstances is wrong. It is wrong whether for charitable purposes or for the hope of financial gain by individuals.

And if it is wrong under other circumstances, it is wrong when linked with some charitable object.

As the Methodist Ministers said, "Gambling is a false philosophy of getting something for nothing."

The Ministerial Association further declared that "legalization of gambling for worthy causes has been thoroughly tried in the past history of this country and in other countries with the unfailing result of positive social loss in unproductive habits of the people and the stimulation of false values."

## The Paper Shortage Still Plagues Us

Our printers have informed us that the paper shortage is still acute and that more 12 page issues, instead of 16 pages, are necessary.

Mr. Louis P. Cashman, Sr., owner of the Vicksburg Post and Vicksburg Herald and Mr. Paul Barclift, business manager, are doing their best about the paper situation. But at present paper is hard to get. Some papers are even paying black market prices for a part of their paper supply.

Due to the paper shortage and the fact that more 12 page issues are necessary, please bear with us if we condense some articles or hold others until space is available. We promise to do our best.

Please continue to send anything for publication that you think will interest our readers. We shall get it in somehow.

## What I Owe To My Pastor

I owe him respect as the ambassador of God, sent to teach me a better way of living than the selfish sordid existence I might be guilty of, but for his guidance.

I owe him trust, that he may be free to serve the church unhampered by criticism and fault-finding.

I owe my pastor the protection of kindly silence by refraining from repeating, in his presence, the slander of unkind gossip that would worry him and prevent him from doing his best.

I owe him prayer, that God may make his service a blessing to everyone with whom he comes in contact.

I owe him enough of my time to help him in his work, wherever he may need me.

I owe him encouragement, when vexations and annoyances make his work difficult.

I owe my pastor consideration, not to interrupt and hinder his work by financial worry.

I owe my pastor attention when I go to church, that he may not be annoyed by seeing my careless inattention.—Baptist Reflector.

## Why We Left It Out

Each week we leave out almost as much material as we print. And every week we have on hand either in type or in manuscript enough copy for another full-sized paper.

And the reason is that we do not have the space. Paper is still in short supply.

Some articles are held for several weeks while other articles are printed the week they are received. Why the discrimination? Because one article is about an event that is to take place before another issue of the Baptist Record. The other is a discussion of some subject that will be just as interesting next month as it is now.

We want all those who send pic-

ture or articles to know that we welcome them and that we shall use them as soon as we can do so without having to leave out what we regard as necessary for that particular issue.

We play no favorites in using materials sent us. We try to be fair to all whether it be for a large or a small church, from a prominent or obscure person. The timeliness of the particular article is what counts.

And hardly a week passes that we do not receive an article, usually about two or three hours before press time, about something that happened weeks or months ago with the plea, "Please publish this in this week's issue." We feel that if the author could wait for several weeks to send the article, it can wait with us at least ONE MORE week.

## The Old Gospel Is Good Enough

According to a news dispatch from Berlin, a conference of German YMCA leaders feels a need to re-shape the gospel "into a new form in accordance with today's generation." That is one of the world's troubles today — people want the gospel according to man and not according to God. When men begin to tamper with God's Word they are dealing with dangerous material. Too many people want to take Hell out of the Bible instead of out of men.

God is all-wise and if he had wanted us to have a different gospel he would have provided it.

People need to know and live the gospel, instead of trying to improve upon it.

## One Pet Peeve

One of our pet peeves is to receive an article, usually a long one, from some person advertising himself or some product asking that we publish same and ending with:

"Please send me several copies of the issues in which this article appears."

In other words, he doesn't even take the paper but wants it without his support to support him.

It seems to us that a person seeking free advertising should at least subscribe for the paper.

This does not refer to news releases sent out by various organizations.

MRS. B. W. EDWARDS OF CEDAR Bluff recently sent a nice list of new subscriptions. They helped the Record over the 64,000 mark.

DEBT ON SOUTHERN BAPTIST Churches at the end of the associational year was estimated at \$47,619,018. Of this it is estimated that \$6,230,535 is owed by open county churches; \$2,902,185 by village churches; \$3,767,272 by town churches, and \$34,619,025 by city churches.

## Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

## Is Christianity Easy?

BY A. LINCOLN FULK  
Biblical Recorder

I remember hearing at meetings in my childhood testimonies about the ease with which one can be a Christian. But I must confess that living the Christian life is about the most challenging task I have yet undertaken. Of course it may be easy for those who only see in Christianity a system of theological beliefs and future rewards. For me being a Christian is hard, but it is something extremely worth while. None of the New Testament saints found it an easy way, but it was for them an enchanting one. Many of them were martyred for adhering to it, even as Jesus had been crucified for living that way. The game of life is too demanding for the "sissy." There is wrong that needs resisting. The call of both tasks requires the doing of what is hard and difficult.

Being a Christian is a call to heroic living. I have just been writing of the soldier qualities of Christianity, but there is also another side of the matter. While the soldier is asked to die or to kill other people for what he believes to be the good of his own country, Christians are called upon to live for theirs, and that may be harder. One may die but once and suffering may be over but one may, like Christ, live in the shadow of the cross, and that is hard and trying. Momentary anguish is never so hard as that which is long drawn out. Heroic and courageous qualities are required to face recurring danger day after day. Some choose death rather than life because they think that easier. I would beware of a Christianity that lulls one to sleep in the arms of a future hope or on the memory of a past experience. I would beware of a religion that sees in prayer only an escape from trouble, or a sort of get-me-what-I-want order on heaven. I would beware of a religion that only takes away our burdens and never gives us any. Does that sound hard? Christianity rests upon no soft foundation; it is not easy; it is the way of a cross, and one reason why so many do not want to walk in that way is the fact that they lack the heroism and the courage to bear the cross. It was not easy for Jesus to bear the cross to Calvary, nor for his followers to bear their crosses.

BARNES NOTES ON THE NEW TESTAMENT are being reissued by Baker Book House, 1019 Wealthy Street, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Each volume sells for \$3.00 except the one on Revelation which sells for \$3.50. Other volumes are Matthew and Mark; Luke and John; Acts; Romans; I Corinthians; II Corinthians and Galatians; Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians; Thessalonians, Timothy, Titus and Philemon; Hebrews; James, Peter, John and Jude. Dr. Barnes has built into these NOTES the several qualities which are universally appreciated in a commentary. They are brief, clear, and concise. At the same time they are complete and comprehensive. The commentary abounds in practical applications which are as timely today as the day they were written. Any Bible student will find these volumes helpful and illuminating. Order from the publisher or from the Baptist Book Store.



SUNDAY SCHOOL AND  
TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

March 27, 1949		
Crystal Springs	623	162
O'Tuckolofa (Yalobusha County)	17	
Laurel, First	501	164
West Laurel	329	131
New Albany, First	435	222
Bruce	251	89
Friendship (Pike County)	170	69
Delay	41	33
Mt. Vernon (Leflore County)	57	
Siwel	153	141
Columbus First	860	217
East McComb	456	210
Darling	61	29
Siloam (Simpson County)	71	
East Moss Point	161	44
Centerville	118	30
South Laurel	92	41
Hattiesburg, Main Street	1053	290
Florence, Steens Creek	134	48
Beulah, (Simpson County)	197	125
Hornlake	103	45
Holly Springs	51	
Pearlhaven	184	59
Providence (Forrest County)	124	86
West Corinth	192	88
Lucedale	276	92
Union (Pearl River County)	93	57
Houlka (Chickasaw County)	66	28
Laurel, Second Avenue	361	122
Brookhaven, First	995	261
Blue Springs	101	58
Glenfield (Union County)	40	43
Wallerville (Union County)	74	55
Harrisburg	402	145
Booneville, First	253	128
Ridgeland	56	38
Sharon (Jones County)	68	63
Bogue Chitto (Pike County)	95	
Summit, First	151	83
Grenada, First	551	105
Cherry Creek (Pontotoc County)	82	54
Gulfport, First	468	135
Chalybeate	34	27
Emmanuel, Jackson	105	52
Van Winkle, Jackson	402	181
Byram (Hinds)	148	90
North Side, Jackson	446	184
Paul Tract (Rankin County)	101	68
Star	84	29
Pleasant Valley	157	112
East Fork (Amite County)	96	35
Jackson, First	1163	320
Calvary, Jackson	1244	234
Calvary, Missions	17	15
Parkway, Jackson	641	222
Parkway, Chapel	107	58
Payne	121	76

March 20, 1949		
Evergreen (Winston County)	86	76
West Corinth	200	97
New Zion (Copiah)	82	75
East McComb	408	205
County Line (Copiah County)	138	106
Darling	56	29
Hazlehurst	344	87

REV. J. E. CRANFORD

Rev. J. E. Crawford, of Collins, died on March 28 in a Jackson hospital, following a heart-attack on the previous night. Funeral services were held at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning in the Collins Church.

Mr. Cranford has served in many Mississippi pastorates. At the time of his death he was pastoring several churches in Covington County.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Bessie Lois, who is a student at Mississippi College, and Mrs. H. A. Miller; three sons, all of whom were pastors; Paul, Jack, and David, of New Orleans, Waynesboro and Indianola, respectively.

Preachers School  
"Highly Profitable"



Shown above are the recently elected officers of the Preachers' School which was held in the Baptist Building, Jackson, March 14-25. They are, left to right: Rev. J. A. Terrell, McComb, president, and Rev. Clarence Palmer, Chalybeate, secretary.

By Rev. Martin J. Gilbert

The Preacher School held in the Baptist Building opened March 14. Rev. Waddell Valentine gave us a good send off in song.

Rev. Wm. P. Davis, assistant executive secretary, gave us much food for thought in the matter of conducting a funeral and performing a marriage ceremony. Rev. Wm. Lowery Compere delighted and warmed our hearts in a study of Philippians. Dr. D. A. McCall, executive secretary, opened our eyes to many modern day "church problems" as recorded in the Acts.

Rev. G. O. Parker brought a masterpiece in his sermon on Tuesday and Rev. Clarence Palmer opened up many avenues of thought in a study of John.

Mrs. O. M. Jones with her assistant Miss Foster demonstrated an Easter program on the screen coupled with a wire recording. Some of us heard our voices come back via the wire recorder. I think I am going to watch my speech more closely.

Rev. C. C. Weaver really "has something" on Romans and Rev. Montie Davis thrilled our hearts with his challenging message. The S. S., T. U., Brotherhood, and W. M. U. Depts. gave us a "behind the curtain" look in their departments.

All in all the school was highly profitable. We hope to have the school in January next year in order to avoid many conflicts.

The school elected the following officers: Rev. J. A. Terrell, president; Rev. Clarence Palmer, secretary. At the closing session resolutions expressing thanks to those who planned the school, to the faculty and others who contributed to the program were adopted.

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AS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED, THE Baptist Hour will begin at 7:30 o'clock Sunday morning, April 3. The speaker will be Dr. J. D. Gray whose subject will be, "Consider Jesus." Stations carrying the program are: WJMB, Brookhaven; WFOR, Hattiesburg; WSLI, Jackson; WAML, Laurel; WTOK, Meridian; and over WAZF, Yazoo City at 8:30 a. m.

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UNDERSTANDING THE CHILD (\$1.50) by Alfred Schmieding, was written with the normal child. It was written from a distinctively conservative Biblical viewpoint. The author considers the child a creation of God, placing the book in a class by itself in books in child psychology. Orders should be sent to the Concordia Publishing House, 3558 S. Jefferson Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri or from the Baptist Book Store.

Woman's College Drive Enters Home Stretch

The Mississippi Woman's College campaign drive is entering the home stretch. April 17th is the big day.

Attractive posters have been distributed to the churches along with envelopes for designating gifts through the local church. The color of the envelopes is very, very suggestive.

The past few years have been banner years where giving was concerned. Baptists have given more to promote the Kingdom of God than any other period in their history. More people have participated in the grace of giving than ever before. In the face of these glorious facts a harsh reality must be faced. Sacrificial giving is practically a thing of the past. When all things are revealed we will doubtless come to see that from 1942 until the present that American Christians lost the noblest necessity, self-denial in providing substance for the Lord's Storehouse.

Beloved, there must be a starting point to remedy this. Here it is. Match the spirit of Mississippi Woman's College. A strong president doing the work of four men because he has the dynamic of a dream. A loyal faculty, staying by the stuff because they combine a faith in God with confidence in you. A lovely student body, determined to maintain high scholastic standards and add to a beautiful spiritual atmosphere they know that a strong denominational school is God's great ally in Making Womanhood Count.

Take a number, the first one that you thought of, the first impression that you had as to the amount that you would give, then add at least ten per cent to it. That may hurt, but it will surely do you good.

The entire \$225,000.00 is for endowment.

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WORLD CHRISTIANITY, YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW, (\$2.50) by Dr. Henry P. Van Duen, and published by the Abington-Cokesbury Press is a forceful presentation of the status and prospects of Christianity throughout the world today. Its analysis of the present situation and the possibilities and needs of tomorrow is based upon keen evaluation of Christianity's history viewed in the light of trends of the past and possibilities of the future. The book is strongly in favor of church union. Chapter heads are: The Re-discovery of the Church; World Christianity Yesterday; World Christianity Today; World Christianity Tomorrow; Revival and Reunion. Orders should be sent to the publisher, Nashville, Tenn., or to the Baptist Book Store.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELATED

The Executive Committee of the Convention Board knows more of the inner workings of our Mississippi Baptist life than does any other group. They have constantly discussed and studied it all! Therefore, they have consistently stood for all this work!

As you saw in the closing paragraph of their minutes published in the Baptist Record, Thursday, March 24, page 8, it is recorded, "During the evening session a close study of the Convention Board Office records was made. Many phases of the work were discussed. The Committee is very happy over the splendid and efficient way our records are being handled and appreciate the fine leadership of Dr. D. A. McCall."

They took a whole evening to again study close-up records in the Convention Board office. What they found pleased them, elated them. They said, "Give the record to Mississippi Baptists. Let them know what we know. Let them have the joy of a work well done."

The Executive Committee is pleased and elated over increased baptisms over the years.

The Executive Committee is pleased and elated over total contributions mounting from \$100,000 to nearly \$2,000,000 over the years.

The Executive Committee is pleased and elated over \$300,000 in interest being saved in debt payment.

The Executive Committee is pleased and elated over support of all the work through the Cooperative Program growing from \$65,528.73 to three quarters of a million dollars.

The Executive Committee is pleased and elated over the State Mission budget growing from \$37,500 to \$228,670.

The Executive Committee is pleased and elated over the purchase of the Baptist Building for \$110,000, probably the greatest single business transaction in Mississippi Baptist history.

The Executive Committee is pleased and elated over all those staff members who have faithfully stood by Christ and His work.

The Executive Committee is pleased and elated over the fact that the four auditors used the last ten years have year by year reported verbally and over their respective signatures that all Mississippi Baptist monies have been faithfully handled and correctly accounted for.

The Executive Committee is pleased and elated over continued improvements effected in the Bookkeeping Department as in all the work.

The Executive Committee is pleased and elated over the fact that the Baptist Record no longer suffers a \$3,000 to \$10,000 yearly loss but has for seven years registered a \$3,000 to \$20,000 yearly profit.

The Executive Committee is pleased and elated that the Executive Secretary has not tried to make personal capital out of his position. When he might have engaged in real estate, farming, or such like on the side, he did not do that but gave his whole time to Mississippi Baptist business. When he might have purchased Baptist bonds at a discount selling them at par, he did not do that but gave Baptists and bond holders every advantage. When he might have retained for some years as personal income thousands of dollars from revival honorariums and pulpit supplies and certain auto mileage, he channeled it into the work of Christ—paying some expenses, buying New Testaments for free distribution, providing auto transportation in the work, printing tracts, purchasing equipment, ad infinitum.

The Executive Committee has been pleased and elated over a great Christian fellowship and unity found in our life and work.

Tell Mississippi Baptists!



## BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

Auber J. Wilds, State Secretary — Box 530, Jackson 105, Mississippi  
Associates: W. C. Morgan, Louise Hill, Alene Johnson

### Here is a Book You Will Want

Dr. W. T. Conner, long time professor at the Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth has given us another book. This time it is a book on **THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**. That is the title and it is treating a subject that most of our churches have stressed far too little. There are eight chapters. The last two are—The Relation of the Spirit to the Powers of Man, the last chapter is The Spirit as Personal. Dr. Conner, in addition to his close walk with the Spirit has made this study one of careful concern and those who study this book carefully will profit greatly. Ready for distribution in April, by the Baptist Book Store in Jackson.

### HEART SERMONS IN OUTLINE

Another book of sermon outlines comes from the pen of Dr. J. O. Williams, Secretary of education and promotion, Sunday School Board, Nashville. Those who have used former sermon outlines by Dr. Williams need but to be told of this new one.

The subjects dealt with are—The Christ we Love, World Conquest with Christ, The Growing Christian, Evidences of Conversion, Dealing with Doubt, Matchless Graces, Bringing Men to Jesus, The Journey of Life, Trials from the Lord, A Service of Love, The Good Shepherd, Blessings of Tithing. This book will be off press in May.

### Deacons This Month Have Been Honored

The emphasis this month in Training Union has been The Faithful Deacon. From many churches we have had a good report on the results of this emphasis. The First Church of Hattiesburg had a special night in their Adult Department for the deacons. They got out a beautiful invitation to all the deacons. They were honor guests. This included the few deacons who were not in Training Union as well as those who are. It was a grand occasion with a special program being given. Refreshments were served. Miss Annie Averett is Director of the Adult Department. Mr. Cecil Lea, Educational director of the church says they have had the largest crowds and the greatest interest during this month, and that interest in all phases of the work has increased since they have emphasized the matter of prayer. **First Greenwood** had a unique way of honoring their deacons. Last Sunday night was Deacon's Night with them. Prior to that the thirty deacons had been assigned to the different unions, and the unions contacted "their deacons" in a unique way during the week. Their deacons were their guests on Sunday night. The Assembly program was in the form of a four line poem written about each deacon, bringing out some characteristic. The deacons who were NOT members of the Training Union got to look in on the work of the Training Union, and the members of the unions came to know a little better the deacons of the church.

### Skene Baptist Church

Brother E. D. Estes writes a good word about the Skene Baptist Church. His special interest in this church is

two fold, one centered in his experiences there some years ago and one recently when he was privileged to help them in a study course. He writes—"Due to the loss of their building by fire the Skene church has been without a Training Union for several months. Recently it was re-organized and Mrs. T. O. Hood elected director. The new church house will be finished and paid for soon. Rev. Leonard Holloway is pastor and doing a good work. It was my privilege to help them in a Training School the week of March 6-11. We set our goal at 60, but we reached 73 during the week, fine interest, some of the best I have ever seen, was manifested. Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Gammill, Sr., were very gracious to me. I enjoyed resting in their home each night."—E. D. Estes.

Tutwiler re-organizes their Training Union with Mr. Robert E. Smith as director; J. H. Everett, Asso. Director; Miss Lillian Smith, Secretary; Mary Ruth Guest, Chorister; Shirley Dianne Everett, Pianist. They start right by having a study course and adopting the standards as guides in the work.



### Music Promotions For '49

**MUSIC SCHOOLS:** Many will be interested to know that churches all over the state are responding to the Music Division of the Training Union Department invitation to assist in securing good teachers for music schools. Several music schools have been held already, and the Department is very happy to have had a part in recommending teachers.

It is the plan of the Music Section to promote the church music schools throughout the year, and make every effort to recommend good teachers any season during the year that will be best suited to the church.

**ENSEMBLE FESTIVALS:** A splendid Ensemble Program is under way. Many churches and associations are requesting copies of the Music Emphasis Sheet from the Training Union Department. Write for your copies now and enter your ensemble in the Festivals.

**HYMN PLAYING FESTIVALS:** The Hymn Playing Festivals will be held along with the Ensemble Festivals and the rules will be the same. Hymn Playing will be confined to Juniors and Intermediates. Every church should be interested in training young musicians to serve as church pianists or organists. Write now for your copy of the Music Emphasis Sheet and plan for the hymn festivals.

**ASSOCIATIONAL BAPTIST MUSIC ASSOCIATIONS:** A program is under way to establish a system of Music Associations throughout the state. The Baptist Music Association is already at work in several Associations. Details of this program will be written in this column from time to time

## -- Woman's Missionary Union --

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson  
Young People's Sec'y.—Miss Nell Taylor

G. A. Focus Week reports indicate that February 6-12 was a great week for the Girls' Auxilliary of our State. We are proud to share some of these reports with all our readers.

Mrs. Mae R. Westerman, Young People's Director of Hernando Church writes; "I want to give you a report on our G. A. Focus Week in the Hernando Baptist Church.

"As you know our G. A. Counselors are: Intermediate, Mrs. Evelyn Cox and Mrs. Evelyn McLindon, Jr., Mrs. Irene Poff and Miss Martha Waldrop. Following is the week's program:

Feb. 6-11, Memorial flowers were placed in the church in memory of Mrs. Hattie Emerson, who sponsored the Int. G. A. (each girl had a part in buying these flowers).

The Jr. G. A. had charge of the opening Sunday School Period. Attendance at Sunday School that day was the largest in over a year. The Intermediate G. A. formed the Sunday Morning Choir.

On February 7th and 8th both G. A.'s made visits to sick and shut-ins. Flowers and fruit was distributed.

February 9, the G. A. meetings were held. The Intermediate G. A.'s presented the pastor and family with a beautiful box of home made candy. Then there was one of the most delightful surprises. Each of the 20 Intermediate girls was presented a beautiful Bible by the Emerson family in remembrance of Mrs. Hattie Emerson. Wednesday night, the Junior G. A.'s gave the Devotional at Prayer meeting, and two of the Intermediate girls sang a special song.

February 10, organ music and the chimes were played from 5:30 to 6:00 by Mrs. Hall. This time was set aside for meditation and prayer for our work and missionaries. February 11, clothing was gathered by both G. A.'s for designated causes. The Intermediates helped one of their members

whose home had been destroyed by fire.

"The G. A. Social was held at 7:30 Friday night.

Saturday, February 12, Valentines were mailed to the Mothers of the G. A.'s, the Jr. G. A.'s distributed Valentine sachets.

The special sermon Bro. Herring delivered on Training Youth, the Parents' place and The Home was very inspirational.

This has been a great week for us here in Hernando. The girls put their all into the program. We have all been benefited by their efforts."

From Mrs. Robert R. Smith, Associational Young People's Leader for Pearl River Association comes this report:

"We have passed our G. A. Focus Week and I think all the churches in this association had a well planned program for the week. I visited four—Juniper Grove girls had charge of Prayer Meeting Wednesday night and a fine program. Picayune First had a tea (Mother and Daughter) for their girls and a fine crowd and splendid program. Two girls were recognized for Forward Steps completed. Pine Grove had a Daughter and Mother Banquet the night of February 11th. This was another fine program. Will you remember our work in your service?"

First Baptist Church, Natchez, reports an excellence observance of G. A. Focus Week. Activities included: full G. A. program on Sunday; tea for G. A. Mothers, featuring an "Information, Please" quiz program; distribution of 10 dozen apples and oranges to patients at Charity Hospital; completion of 8 Scrap Books for the Indian Mission in New Mexico; gifts of money for H. O. P. E. and for the Chinese Orphanage in Soochow.

### COLIN BOLER

On January 16, 1949, Colin Boler passed away at his home in Neshoba after a long illness. While serving in World War I as a combat soldier in France, he was seriously wounded with poison gas and never fully recovered from these wounds.

He joined the Bluff Springs Church early in life and at his death was a member of the Neshoba Church.

To know Colin was to love and appreciate him and he leaves many friends to mourn his going.

"When God saw fit to take him  
Within the garden fair  
To place him with the others  
Already gathered there.  
His time on earth was ended,  
But still he lingers near.  
His suffering days are over,  
May God wipe away all tears."

Neshoba Church

By G. O. GULLY  
MRS. R. B. GULLY  
MISS MARGIE D.

VIVERETT

as progress is made in the development of the program.



Shown above are Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Vandenburg of Water Valley. These good people have annuity contracts with the Mississippi Baptist Foundation. They are members of the First Church, Water Valley. Rev. W. C. Howard, pastor.

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**THE NICE LIST OF NEW AND RE-**  
newal subscriptions sent by New Fellowship Church, Jasper County, aided the Baptist Record in its efforts to get beyond the 64,000 mark in circulation. Rev. E. C. Hendricks is the pastor.

## EAST TEXAS BAPTIST COLLEGE

Marshall, Texas

SUMMER SCHOOL — TWO SIX-WEEKS TERMS

June 7-July 15 • July 18-Aug. 26

FALL SEMESTER — SEPTEMBER 12, 1949

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

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MRS. P. C. FRENCH, Office Secretary

### THANKS, MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS!

It is utterly impossible for us to put in words the sincere gratitude of our hearts for the generous gift that was presented to your state Sunday school secretary at our recent Sunday School Convention at Columbus.

This was in recognition of our twenty-fifth year in this work, which time will be May 20, but our Convention was the appropriate occasion for such an act, if it were to be.

We greatly appreciate the money that was given, but we are even more grateful for the love and friendship that prompted the gift. No one can ever know how very grateful we are for the thousands of friends we have over our great state.

Through those nearly twenty-five years we have sought no honors or places of preferment, although our friends have honored us with the highest place they have to offer. We have sought only one thing, and that is the privilege of serving. That is still our only desire. We are grateful for a place of service in the kingdom of our Lord Christ.

Again, Mississippi Baptist Sunday schools, we thank you, one and all, for the generous check. May God's richest blessings be upon you as you lead out to get more people in Bible study classes.

### THE COLUMBUS CONVENTION

Our recent Sunday School Convention at Columbus First Church was a great one from every angle viewed. The program personnel was all that could have been desired, and each speaker and conference leader was great. The attendance was excellent, with more than 500 people being present, and from every section of the state, with many coming for long distances.

We were greatly impressed with the seriousness of the people and their eagerness to get help for their schools back home. They had a mind to make the hours of the Convention count.

Then, too, the great First Church of Columbus handled the Convention in magnificent fashion. No stone was left unturned to make every person happy. And we were happy. Dr. S. R. Woodson, pastor, and his people know how to do things in a big way. We thank them for all these kindnesses and favors.

### THE 1950 CONVENTION

The 1950 Mississippi Sunday School Convention will be in the First Baptist Church of Greenwood on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 14-15.

Mark this date on your calendar and hold it for this Convention.

Rev. J. H. Kyzar is the pastor of this fine church, and he and his people will do a great part for us.

### IMPORTANT MEETINGS

Associational Rallies were held during February in these associations: Adams-Franklin, Attala, Bolivar, Calhoun, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Clay, Copiah, Deer Creek, Holmes, Leake, Leflore, Lincoln, Madison, Monroe, Neshoba, Oktibbeha County, Rankin, Scott, Sunflower, Union, Warren, Walthall, Winston, Yazoo, and Zion. The three-point program of the year was

presented and the response was very encouraging.

**Enlargement Campaigns** are scheduled in Mississippi, Pontotoc, Tippah, and Calhoun associations during the weeks beginning March 14 and ending April 15. Associational missionaries, pastors, and superintendents are leading out in these programs to enlarge their work.

**The Month of May**, except the Southern Baptist Convention time, is to be given exclusively to one-day Vacation Bible school clinics. Already about thirty associations have scheduled such clinics. That is one of the very best ways to prepare for the greatest year in Vacation schools. Why not such a clinic in your association, if one has not already been scheduled?

**And Then There's Ridgecrest** that is now not so far away. Better make reservations early. All space will soon be taken, if it is not so now. Write to Mr. Robert Guy, Ridgecrest, N. C. Send a \$2.00 registration fee for each person.

### TRAIN ANY TIME

Any time is a good training time. Some items of the work have special seasons for promotion, but not so with training.

No time is the wrong time to help the workers know and do better work. Therefore, have a class often in some Sunday school training book. It will result in a bigger and better Sunday school.

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### CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Rev. Leon V. Young

Ira D. Hudgins, First, Kenneth Square, Penn., from Leesburg, Va.

Frank G. Voight (a native Mississippian) to Oakwood Avenue, Richmond, Va., from the Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Junius E. Foster, Lawrenceville, Va., from Venable Church, Richmond.

John L. Moran, Westover Church, Richmond, Va.

C. L. Steele, Wise Va., from Columbia, S. C.

J. Bennett Murphy, Linden, Ala., from East Brewton.

James Mitchell, Joanna, S. C.

Cecil Atchley, Frist, Woodbury, Tenn., from Mine City.

Vernon Shaw, Park Heights, San Angelo, Texas, from Keerville.

A. L. Eubanks, Tell, Texas, from Estaline, Texas.

W. A. Robinson, First, Havana, from Springhead Church, Plant City, Florida.

L. E. Daniel, Bowlinggreen, Florida, from Glenwood, Ala.

Judson C. Segars, Weaver Memorial, Louisville, Ky.

J. Thornton Williams, First, Buford, Ga., from Ghent, Ky.

Lewis E. McCormick, Hampton, S. C. from Springfield, S. C.

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### THE SENATE LABOR AND PUBLIC

Welfare Committee has approved a bill to allocate \$335,000,000 yearly to raise the standards of public education. As the bill now stands, it would give the states the right to use part of the funds to provide transportation and textbooks to private and parochial school pupils. The National Catholic Welfare Conference wants this provision mandatory while Protestants and Other Americans United wants such use prohibited.

## BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

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### POTPOURRI

Don't miss "Spring Fever," by Riley Munday in April's Baptist Student . . . Wayne Coleman, Miss. College, our former State President, spoke at Jones Junior's recent banquet. Also at Jones, two recent professions of faith, one re-dedication, and a BSU program on Jones County's Baptist Hour are reported.

Please pray for the Committee that will select our three student Summer Missionaries. We still need most of the \$1,500 to send them . . . There are two sides to every argument, but no end.—Copied . . . Deadline for registration for State Retreat for BSU officers at First Church, Jackson, is April 20. Registration fee is \$1.50 which includes supper Friday night. Retreat date: April 22-23. Pray that "The Lord Be Magnified" . . . Fellowship is heaven: the lack of it is hell.—Wm. Morris . . . Deadline for Ridgecrest will be about the last of May. Registration fee is \$2.00. You may send 'em in anytime . . . What marvelous things our eyes would behold, our ears would hear, our hearts would feel, our souls would experience if only we could have among those high in the official life of our denomination a deeper spirituality along with a well-conceived call to a deeper spirituality in our churches, our institutions, our programs and the personal lives of our people.—R. G. Lee . . . Here's to Buford Ashley, Miss. State, our State BSU Reporter, who has written an excellent poem, we think entitled "A Tribute to America" and appearing in State's "Spirit of BSU" . . . The trouble with many graduates after commencement is that they don't commence.—Arnold Stang . . . The name of Belhaven's BSU paper is "Baptist B'havens." Rev.

Marc Weersing, Mrs. Douglas Davis, Mrs. W. B. Halliday, of Jackson, and Bobby Simmons, of Miss. College, spoke during Belhaven's Evangelistic Emphasis Week . . . It will never do to turn out students who are just educated young people and Christians also. They must be educated young Christians—all Christian in every act and thought.—Sen. Robert S. Kerr . . . Anne Clark, MSCW, our State Magazine Representative, writes that 167 college girls attended 7 a. m. morning watch one morning during the recent meeting at First Church, Columbus, led by Chester Swor . . . There are 1049 Baptists and Baptist "preferences" at Ole Miss, 252 having their letters in the Oxford Church, according to Student Sec'y Marion Leavelle. Letters have been received from Europeans who have received food packages from Ole Miss students . . . Twelve Sunflower Jr. students plan to attend the Student Retreat at Ridgecrest. "It does me good," writes Nell Magee, S. J. C. Student Sec'y, "to be able to say that there has been a definite increase in interest in our campus in the work here." S. J. C.'s first issue of their BSU paper recently came out . . . In the midst of Focus Week plans ('twas held last week), Louie Farmer writes from Clarke that the BSU is sponsoring a series of Youth Rallies in neighboring churches, the Mission Band has been conducting a mission Sunday School in the Negro section of Newton and are going to help build them a new concrete block mission house, and the Ministerial Ass'n., besides its regular street preaching assignments, is reaching out into some communities on the edge of Ala. where churches have disbanded.



DR. PAUL G. HORNER

Shown above is Dr. Paul G. Horner, pastor 15th Avenue Church, Meridian, who will be host pastor of the One-Day Evangelistic Revival to be held in Meridian on Thursday, April 7. The meeting will begin at 9:00 o'clock and continue throughout the day and evening with Dr. Robert G. Lee speaking at the morning and evening sessions.



DR. F. K. HORTON

Shown above is Dr. F. K. Horton, pastor First Church, Clarksdale, who will be host pastor of the One-Day Evangelistic Revival to be held in Clarksdale on Saturday, April 9. The meeting will begin at 9:00 o'clock and continue throughout the day and evening with Dr. Robert G. Lee speaking at the morning and evening sessions.

**AUTHOR OF LIBERTY (\$2.25) BY** Carl McIntire, creates in the reader an appreciation for the freedom of America and a desire to protect that freedom, which today is being threatened. In the preface Author McIntire says, "America needs to know the source of her liberty. She is being led to embrace ideas which, if pursued, will destroy her most priceless heritage." Orders should be sent to the Christian Beacon Press, Collingswood, N. J.

**THE TWO-EDGED SWORD (\$2) BY** Norman F. Langford and published by the Westminster Press is a collection of unique sermons representing Biblical exposition at its best. The author portrays the character of the Word of God as it cuts across contemporary life, bringing out the fact that always both judgment and hope are in the Word. Order from the publisher in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania or from the Baptist Book Store, ten to meet the needs of the average



## Sparks & Splinters

IN THE EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE on March 13 the First Baptist Church of Batesville, dedicated the Church Organ to God's Service. Mr. Arthur Hays of Memphis presented an Organ Recital at that time.

DR. B. C. LAND HELD A STEWARDSHIP Revival March 13-20 in the West Monroe Ridge Avenue Church, Louisiana. Rev. A. T. Mitchell, pastor. The church now has 156 tithers of a resident membership of 225. The tithes and offerings goal set for "D" Day was \$999.99. Actual receipts amounted to more than \$1,840.

REV. PERCY MAGEE, STUDENT AT Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, led in a Youth Revival at Byram Church in Hinds County, March 25-27. Sunday was designated as Visitors Day and there were 54 visitors in the morning worship hour. Rev. Henry J. Bennett is the pastor.

THE McDONALD CHURCH OF Leake County recently completed its First Training Union Study Course. The average attendance was 58 with 47 receiving awards. The pastor Rev. Aubrey Smith, taught the Adult Manual; Mrs. Austin Williams, the Intermediate; Miss Betty Frank Denson, the Junior and Mrs. Aubrey Smith entertained the Story Hour.

REV. CARL E. BATES, MISSISSIPPIAN and pastor of the First Church, Texarkana, was the evangelist in a revival meeting at First Church, Tyler, Texas, which closed March 20. Dr. Porter M. Bailes, pastor, speaks in highest terms of Mr. Bates' preaching. There were 89 additions, 41 by baptism.

DR. HERSCHEL HOBBS, MOBILE, has been called as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City.

EDITORS OF RELIGIOUS PUBLICATIONS appeared before the House Post-office and Civil Service Committee to protest the proposed increase in rates on second-class mail. Dr. Daniel Poling estimated that the proposed schedule would increase the postal charges on the Christian Herald 400 per cent the first year, and 700 per cent the second year. Others testified that the proposed change would destroy many small religious publishers.

THE PLYMOUTH CHURCH OF Columbus let a contract to build a two-story Educational Annex to be built of concrete blocks.

HEBRON CHURCH RECENTLY granted 24 awards for the "Studies in John's Gospel," which was taught by Rev. V. R. Meadows, pastor.

AT THE RECENT MEETING OF THE Northwest Mississippi Baptist Pastor's Conference the following officers were re-elected: Rev. A. T. Cinnamon, Senatobia, president; Rev. Kermit Canterbury, Charleston, vice-president; Rev. Robert W. Martin, Batesville, program chairman; and Rev. Joseph W. Oliver, Courtland, secretary.

REGISTRATION CARDS FOR THE 1949 Southern Baptist Convention at Oklahoma City are being mailed to the state secretaries this week.

THE MISSISSIPPI CLUB AT THE Southwestern Seminary had as guest speakers at their annual meeting Miss Nell Taylor, State Young People's Secretary for Mississippi; Dr. A. Donald Bell, Administrative Assistant of Mississippi College and Rev. B. E. Pitts, ministerial student from Oklahoma.

THE LEFLORE COUNTY ASSOCIATIONAL minutes have been sent to the Baptist Record. They are well prepared and well printed. The next session will meet at First Church, Greenwood, October 6-7.

DR. J. R. GRANT WILL RETIRE AS president of Ouachita College in Arkansas at the end of this year with the title president emeritus.

## MT. HOREB HAS GROUND BREAKING ON MARCH 6



Mt. Horeb Church, Covington County, had ground-breaking services on March 6 for the prospective building. The actual ground-breaking was done by the three charter members as are pictured. They are, from left to right: Miss Minnie Bullock, 71 years old, Mr. H. J. Bullock, 76 years old, and Miss Mary Bullock, 81 years old.

Rev. W. B. Sanderson, retiring pastor, addressed the group, expressing appreciation and encouragement and led the dedicatory prayer. Rev. Bryan Simmons who has been pinch-hitting for the pastor during his illness had charge of the services.

The contemplated building is to be brick veneer and will have sufficient rooms in the rear for Sunday School and other activities.

AMONG RECENT VISITORS IN THE office of the Baptist Record were: H. F. Dees, Kokomo; Rev. B. E. Phillips, New Hebron; Rev. C. E. Snowden, Longview; Rev. Don Land, Anding; Mr. and Mrs. Everett Cole, Philadelphia; Rev. R. L. Wallace, Raymond; Rev. W. J. Hemby, Clinton; R. M. Thornton, Crystal Springs; Rev. C. L. Davis, Jackson.

ACCORDING TO THE MINUTES which have been sent to the Baptist Record, the Jefferson Davis Association held its last meeting with the Carson Church and will meet at the Ebenezer Church October 14. A. D. McGee is the moderator.

REV. JAMES ADDLETON, MISSISSIPPI College Student, has been called as pastor of Emmanuel Church, Natchez.

THE YOUTH FOR CHRIST PROGRAM which is sponsored by the Providence Church in Yazoo County will have its next meeting on April 5 in the Valley School Auditorium. Julio Silva Diaz, Mississippi College student from Argentina and Rio de Janeiro, was the speaker at the meeting on March 20.

A COPY OF THE MINUTES OF THE Calhoun Association have been sent to the Baptist Record. The minutes are well prepared and the printers did a good job. B. Murphree is the moderator and E. A. Dye is the clerk.

HAYS CREEK CHURCH HELPED THE Baptist Record over the 64,000 mark by sending a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions. The list was sent by T. J. Land.

THE BAPTIST RECORD HAS RECEIVED a copy of the minutes of the Newton Association, which met with the Liberty Church. The next Session will be held in the Greenland Church on October 11. On the back of the minutes is a map of the county, marking each church in the association and showing the highways through that area.

COURTLAND CHURCH HELPED THE Baptist Record over the 54,000 mark by sending a nice list of subscriptions for the Baptist Record. The list was sent by the church clerk, Luther S. Faulkner.

## BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary

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### Copiah Organizes Associational Brotherhood

A great Rally of Baptist men of Copiah County was held on Friday evening, March 18, at County Line Baptist Church for the purpose of setting up an Associational Brotherhood Organization. Rev. M. P. Jones, Associational Moderator, presided at the meeting with the Brotherhood Secretary in charge of the program. Appearing on the program with the Secretary was Fred Brister of Terry who gave a personal testimony and Dr. Howard Spell who brought the principal address.

The men voted unanimously to set up an Associational Brotherhood Organization and asked the Executive Committee of the Association to secure the officers. The following have been selected by the Executive Committee: President, Rev. R. J. Sweetman, Crystal Springs; Program vice-president—Grover White, Wesson; Attendance vice-president—Arthur Lowry, Wesson; Promotion vice-president—V. L. Grantham, Jr., Crystal Springs; Secretary-Treasurer—T. M. Farrar, Hazlehurst; Chorister—Lowery Brister, Crystal Springs. Pastors' Advisory Council—Rev. R. C. Holcomb, Rev. Earl Brooks, and Rev. M. P. Jones.

### Lauderdale Association Has Good Program

C. D. Shields, secretary, reports that Lauderdale County Associational Brotherhood had a great meeting on Tuesday night, March 15, at 15th Avenue Church. The Association sponsored the Man and Boy Movement last quarter and has as their main objective this quarter, new Brotherhoods. The regular program was arranged by Elgy Yarbrough and was

on the subject, "Men and Missions." Ninety-six men were present and R. Wayde Ousley, Associational president, presided.

### George County Association Makes Great Plans

Dr. Fred Moseley, Associational Brotherhood president for George County, reports a good meeting of their Association on March 17. The Associational Brotherhood is to sponsor a Countywide Tent Revival July 18-29, with Dr. H. H. Hobbs of Mobile as guest preacher. That is a real objective.

### Hinds-Warren Breaks Attendance Record

The Hinds - Warren Associational Brotherhood met at Calvary Baptist Church on March 14 with two hundred twenty-five (225) men present. Dr. D. M. Nelson brought the principal address which was a masterpiece. J. L. Daniell, president, presided. So far as we know, this is the largest attendance, thus far.

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## Chester Swor Leads Columbus Revival

Dr. Chester E. Swor, of Jackson, Mississippi, was with the First Baptist Church, Columbus Mississippi, S. R. Woodson pastor, March 13-20 for a "SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEK."

During the week there were scores who came forward rededicating their lives to the work of the Lord, 55 who united with the church (32 for baptism and 23 by letter) and 9 who surrendered to full-time religious work.

The attendance upon the early "Morning Watch" averaged about 500 and the auditorium was filled to capacity each evening to hear Dr. Swor.

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### CALHOUN COUNTY TO HAVE CHRISTIAN CITIZEN'S LEAGUE

A mass meeting of citizens of Calhoun County met in the court house at Pittsboro Tuesday night, March 15th. At least a hundred men and a few ladies from every community in the county were present. This meeting had been worked up by the pastors with a few laymen growing out of a meeting of these groups prior to this date. They had invited me to come to attend their meeting and to speak on the Christian Citizen's League. Following my message several laymen spoke. A barber from Bruce gave a very impressive short speech and the sheriff also. The district highway patrolman spoke. The group voted enthusiastically and unanimously to organize a Christian Citizen's League in Calhoun County.

The recent beer campaign in Chickasaw County which resulted in a vote of more than two to one to remain dry has had a great deal of influence on the adjoining counties. The bootleggers who will be driven out of Chickasaw County will have a hard time settling in Calhoun County. The enthusiasm manifested in the mass

meeting at Pittsboro discloses the fact that bootleggers are to have hard sailing in the county. It is my conviction that every county in Mississippi ought to organize and work toward making their counties better places in which to live.

### A MEETING AT CARPENTER

Wednesday night March 16, I met with the saints at Carpenter for a service. Bro. W. P. Spears is the pastor. He is leading them in a building program at present, and their church is going forward in a great way. There was a good crowd in the service on Wednesday night, and their response to the message on our work was gratifying.

The total consumption of alcoholic beverages has increased from 10.25 per person in 1934 (the year of repeal) to 20.538 gallons per person in 1947, according to the American Business Men's Research Foundation.

The number of retail liquor sales outlets has multiplied from 177,000 in 1919, just prior to Prohibition, to more than 464,000 for the 1948 fiscal year.—The Survey Bulletin.



## GOING PLACES

BY A. L. GOODRICH

### TEMPLE CHURCH, UNION COUNTY, IS NUMBER 943

"They say that a good beginning means a good ending." If this is true, Temple Church at Myrtle is going to do all right for they began with the EVERY FAMILY plan of the Baptist Record.

The recent letter from Eugene Davis, the church treasurer, enclosed the list of 34 families and the welcome news that Temple Church had adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY plan of the Baptist Record.

The pastor is Rev. H. M. Collins, a long time friend of the Baptist Record editor.

Record readers in Union County are now listed as follows: Center, 64; New Prospect, 56; Enterprise, 61; Glenfield, 40; Ingomar, 90; Jerico, 2; Liberty, 1; Myrtle, 33; New Albany, First, 396; Neely Memorial, 37; New Harmony, 67; Pleasant Hill, 15; Pleasant Ridge, 3; Wallerville, 56; Temple, 34.

### BAY SPRINGS

We attended the recent Associational Meeting of the Jasper County Association. The meeting was held at Bap Springs, with Pastor W. A. Hogan as master of ceremonies.

The purpose of the meeting was to welcome Rev. W. H. Wood as Associational Missionary and to make plans for the permanence of the work.

It is said that a prophet is not without in honor save in his own country. This does not seem to hold true concerning Missionary Wood. He is a native of the adjoining county, of Smith.

Jasper County Record readers are now listed as follows:

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### DEACON SENDS MANY RECORDS

He won't let us use his name, but a prominent deacon of First Church, Jackson, recently sent a list of names of Negro Baptists to whom he wished the Baptist Record sent. He is sending it on the EVERY FAMILY plan.

They liked it so well that others heard about it and wanted it. So he sent a supplementary list which includes names of both white and colored Baptists.

The lists were prepared by a good friend of the deacon, Mrs. Alice Min-ton of Star.

Here is an example for many others to follow in doing some good mission work. The more people know about Baptist affairs, the more they will do.

### LITTLE BAHALA IS NO. 944

Little Bahala Church in Lincoln County is one of the latest churches on the growing list that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY plan of the Baptist Record.

Rufus J. Smith, the church treasurer, sent the list of 44 names.

A few more lists like the Little Bahala one would put the Baptist Record up to the 65,000 mark in circulation.

Record readers in Lincoln County are now listed as follows: Arlington, 23; Bethel, 17; Big Springs, 20; Bogue,

### SHAW GIVES TRIBUTE TO MRS. M. F. DOUGHTY



MRS. M. F. DOUGHTY

Shaw church has paid a great tribute to one of their great, Christian personalities, Mrs. W. F. Doughty. In the early years of the present century, the Delta section as well as Shaw church had no leaders. In fact, church work was considered a woman's and children's proposition. But most of the women were retiring and did little public work or public speaking.

The saying is, "God produces the right man at the right time." In Shaw's case God provided the right woman. The work at Shaw was dragging and some even talked of discontinuing the work. With the coming of Mrs. Doughty to the community, due to her leadership, the work took on new life.

Although living nine miles east of Shaw, Mrs. Doughty's attendance at services was so regular that people claimed that they could set their clocks by the time she passed along the road. And those roads were enough to discourage anyone. Often the buggy wheels were almost axle deep in mud and quite often water holes were ice covered. In addition to attending Sunday school at Shaw she also conducted an afternoon Sunday school at the Ayers place.

According to the people at Shaw Mrs. Doughty literally made the associational W. M. U. work what it is today. At the meeting of the Deer Creek Association in 1908 she was elected Associational W. M. U. secretary and upon returning home she organized a Woman's Missionary Society at Shaw. She was elected president of the society and served in that position for 40 years. Mrs. Doughty also set out to organize the W. M. U. work throughout the association. Travelling sometimes on the passenger train known as the Peavine (because it twisted around from place to place) but often in caboose or box car she covered the 17 counties which then composed the Deer Creek Association and organized a W. M. U. in almost every church. From time to time changes in the association made the territory less, but her services

Chitto, 50; Brookhaven, First, 645; Clear Branch, 22; Fair River, 51; Friendship, 51; Gum Grove, 41; Heucks Retreat, 53; Holly Springs, 23; Little Bahala, 44; Macedonia, 137; Mission Hill, 30; Montgomery, 47; Moak's Creek, 72; Mt. Moriah, 72; Mt. Pleasant, 55; New Prospect, 53; New Sight, 49; Pearl Haven, 131; Philadelphia, 18; Pleasant Grove, 42; Pleasant Hill, 10; Ruth, 35; Topisaw, 2; Union, 3; Union Hall, 38; Wellman, 65.

### El Paso Church Has Large Wednesday Night Crowds

Sometime ago, Dr. W. Herschel Ford, pastor of the First Church, El Paso, Texas, announced that on a certain Wednesday night he would begin a Bible Class to be known as the Pastor's Wednesday Night Bible Class. Enrollment cards were passed around and 680 people signed up.

The average attendance so far has been 540—by actual count — each Wednesday night. It's believed that this is one of the largest Bible Classes and surely one of the largest Wednesday night congregations in America.

The class is held in the Main Auditorium at the regular prayer meeting hour. Dr. Ford began with the first verse in the Bible and is teaching the Bible verse by verse, chapter by chapter. The teaching is clear and simple and understandable—the people are really enthused and interested. It is a wonderful sight to see all those people in God's House with God's Book in their hands. The Bible is the only text-book.

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### A Reader Writes

Dear Dr. Goodrich:

This is to express appreciation for the editorial, "A Neglected Group," which you published in the Baptist Record under date of February 17, 1949.

I certainly agree with all that is said in this article, and especially liked the idea expressed that there ought to be a realization of the two (or more, as the case may be) full-time specialized positions working together. If God calls us to full-time service, He certainly means that His church shall provide. I know He called me into the work, and I am continually grateful for the knowledge and for the opportunities that are given to serve.

I do think more articles will have to be written concerning this neglected group. I have worked in churches in three states since I graduated from the seminary in 1945, and have observed this very thing. My experience has been discounted completely and my annual salary now is less than it was in the first church in which I served. Thanks again for your good words.

Sincerely yours,  
A READER

continued.

So outstanding was her work that she was made chairman of the 75 Million Campaign and as usual the county of Bolivar went over the top in pledges. At the end of the 75 Million Campaign she was elected district chairman for the W. M. U. and served in that position for 18 years.

In 1922 as Shaw's brick veneer church was near completion, it was badly damaged by fire. As the congregation had very little money the Insurance Company wanted to call off the project, but Mrs. Doughty fought to rebuild the church, stating, "We are not going to let God down in Shaw." The Shaw church is memorial to her perseverance and to the perseverance of Mrs. Eugenia Dean, who has already passed away.

In appreciation of the faithful work of Mrs. Doughty, the church at Shaw appointed a committee to express its appreciation of Mrs. Doughty and her work. The committee was composed of J. A. Thigpen, Frank Hough, Mrs. E. L. Shields, Mrs. R. B. Hanagan and Mrs. R. P. Crutcher.

### "HAPPY" WHITE HONORED BY ARIZONA BAPTISTS



REV. S. M. WHITE

Rev. S. M. "Happy" White, Mississippian, now pastor of First Church, Yuma, Arizona, is taking an active part in general denominational work in that state.

Mr. White was formerly pastor at Summit. Soon after going to Arizona he was elected to the Executive Board of the Arizona Convention and last week was elected a trustee of the newly organized Baptist college which has been named Grand Canyon Baptist College.

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### CONTEST WINNERS NAMED AT MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

Results of the campus-wide literary contests have been announced by Prof. Louis Dollarhide, sponsor of the Mississippi College writer's group. The contest was held to decide who should represent Mississippi College at the Southern Literary Festival to be held this year at the University of Mississippi in April.

First, second and third place winners are: Poetry, Joe Cooper, of Oakland; Albert Roberts, Clinton; Roy R. Russell, Braxton; Short Story, Warren Tann, Clinton, first and second, Alice Bradford, McComb; Formal Essay, Joe Steinwinder, Meridian, first and second, Ethel Dean Wright, Jackson.

First and second winning pieces in each division were forwarded to the contest committee of the Southern Literary Festival and the winning students will be asked to represent the college at the Festival in April. Most of the senior colleges in Mississippi and many from other states take part in the Festival including such colleges as Baylor, Vanderbilt, Peabody, Howard and numerous others. Last year Mississippi College won first place in poetry.

The English faculty at Mississippi College, headed by Dr. F. T. Walker, encourages the students to take part in this extra-curricular emphasis. Mrs. P. I. Lipsey, Jr., and Mrs. Irma MacAfee, both of the English faculty take an active interest in creative interest in creative effort and do much to foster self-expression.

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THE BAPTIST RECORD GREATLY appreciates a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions which came in some time ago from Duncan Church, Calhoun County. The list was sent by H. R. Watts, church treasurer.

G. L. KING OF CHESTER CHURCH, Choctaw County, is a good friend of the Baptist Record. Some weeks ago he sent a list of new and renewal subscriptions from Chester Church.



## A BAPTIST NEED AND OPPORTUNITY

By E. D. Hurst, Laurel

It seems timely for Mississippi Baptists to consider a completely coordinated financial program for all of the work of the denomination, both as to all missions and all institutions. This sort of a financial program would comprehend all of the work of the denomination, and the entire budget included in the Cooperative Program. The suggestion is not impractical as to the over-all program, and it would mean a unity of purpose in the enlistment of our people for adequate financial support in all of the work. The financial goal would be fixed to comprehend all of the work, including all agencies of the State Convention Board.

The fixed budget would be divided fifty per cent for missions—all missions—and fifty per cent for institutions—all institutions. All of the gifts would be included in the Cooperative Program, which would make it easy for local churches to anticipate their financial needs and practical for them to plan budgets for all of the work, and uniformly from week to week contribute to the full support of the whole program.

This plan would accomplish very definitely some things which are not now being accomplished. This plan would simplify the entire financial over-all budget, and greatly encourage support of the whole program, and create money for every department of work. It would solicit the interest of all of the people in all of the work and give common support in every Christian cause comprehended in the Baptist program, both state and southwide. It would build unity into the total Baptist program. The plan formally set in motion and practiced over a term of years would more evenly and far more adequately provide the money for all of the work, and that in equity and fairness to all of the people and to all of the work.

Suitable provision could be made for the required over-all budget for the entire program and a proper proportionate division of support set for every item on the all-inclusive program. This support may be calculated on a fully adequate basis for all of the missions and for all of the institutions, and the accomplishment would provide ample money for all of the causes.

This plan would offer a single uniform program to all of the people for all of the work and would present a single challenge for the financial budget required to accomplish the entire program of work. The very simple and practical application of the plan and the reasonable possible attainment of it would encourage the approval and use of the plan in all of the work in all of the churches.

The completely satisfactory operation of the single cooperative financial plan for all of the work anticipates the placing of all money through the Cooperative Program. This would not bar special gifts, or specially large gifts for particular causes. The operation would seek whole-hearted cooperation of all of the churches and all of the money for all of the work.

The unity of the churches in a common aim through a common program in equity and fairness would be a paramount attainment. The spirit and fact of brotherhood and Christian fellowship in a state and southwide program and purpose would lead to re-

## CHAIRMAN OF DISTRICT IV CHAIRMAN OF DISTRICT V



REV. C. W. THOMPSON

Rev. C. W. Thompson is Chairman of District IV for the Woman's College Endowment Campaign.

### Blue Mountain Students To Tour Mississippi, Alabama

Blue Mountain, Miss., March 28—Dr. Wilfred C. Tyler, head of the Department of Bible at Blue Mountain College, will conduct a group of eleven students on a tour through Mississippi and Louisiana and visit places of interest along the way during spring holidays March 31-April 5. The tour will include visits to the Baptist colleges in Mississippi, the Baptist Orphanage, the Baptist Building, the Baptist Book Store, the Baptist Hospital and the state capitol. They will also visit Camp Garaway, the W. M. U. summer camp, the LeTourneau plant and national park at Vicksburg, the ante-bellum homes in Natchez, the Louisiana state capitol, the First Baptist Church and Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge.

In New Orleans the group will visit the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, the Baptist Hospital, the Rachel Sims Mission, the French quarter, Tulane and Loyola universities, Sophie Newcomb College and the Sugar Bowl.

Students making the trip are: Leila Jackson, Sturgis; Mary Eleanor Braddock, Ripley; Martha Huggins, Oxford; Esther Thornhill, Wetumpka, Ala.; Jean Black, Oxford; Edna Jean Reynolds, Starkville; Bobbe Carr, Sumner; Janet Washburne, Delhi, La.; Laura Thompson, Arbyrd, Mo.; Jean Lipsey, Memphis, Tenn.; and Carolyn Phelps, Louisville, Ky.

A NICE LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS was recently received from Good Hope Church, Winston County. The Check was signed by J. M. Kemp.

THE BAPTIST RECORD IS GRATEFUL for a nice list of subscriptions from New Bethlehem Simpson County, sent in by Miss Leona Upton, the church treasurer.

sults far beyond any goals which may be set. Mississippi Baptists are in need of a challenging over-all financial budget to cover all of their work. This need is concrete and should be on a level that will be all-inclusive of the work and aims and programs of our missions and our institutions. The entire program is important and it is essential that an over-all common cause be supported by a great over-all challenging financial budget and the consecration of a common effort in what Mississippi Baptist undertake to do in the interest of the Christian church and faith as Baptists believe it and do it.



DR. S. R. WOODSON

Dr. S. R. Woodson is Chairman of District V for the Woman's College Endowment Campaign.

### BOOTH TO LEAD REVIVAL AT ALTA WOODS CHURCH

Rev. Thurman Booth, pastor Terry Church, will lead the Spring revival at Alta Woods Church (Jackson) April 3-8, according to the pastor, Rev. C. L. Davis.

Mrs. Maxine Lee Owens will be soloist for the meeting.

Mr. Booth will preach at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. on April 3 and at 7:30 p. m. each evening through Friday.

NEW YORK CITY—(RNS)—USE OF public funds to aid religious schools, teaching of sectarian doctrine on school premises, and the policy of "released time" for religious instruction were all vigorously condemned here by the annual national conference of the American Civil Liberties Union.

MRS. VANIE COX, TREASURER OF Sarah Church, recently sent a list of new subscriptions for the Record.

## CALENDAR OF PRAYER

- April 4—One-day revival at Clinton; Training Union Youth Week.
- April 5—One-day revival at Brookhaven; Rev. C. W. Thompson, Aberdeen, Chairman of District IV, Woman's College Campaign.
- April 6—T. M. Dickson, State Brotherhood Secretary-Treasurer; One-day Evangelistic emphasis at Biloxi.
- April 7—Miss Nettie Ree Traylor, Office Secretary, State W. M. U. Department; One-day Evangelistic revival at Fifteenth Avenue, Meridian.
- April 8—Dr. F. M. Purser, BSU Faculty Adviser, Ole Miss; One-day Evangelistic revival at Pontotoc.
- April 9—Mrs. Pearl Barton, Derma, Calhoun Associational Training Union Director; One-day Evangelistic emphasis at Clarksdale.
- April 10—Dr. O. P. Estes, Pearl River County Board member; A. D. Williams, McComb, Baptist Orphanage trustee.

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## Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell  
Lesson for April 3. IDENTIFYING THE  
SON OF MAN. Mark 8:27-30; Matthew  
16:13-20.

### I. TIME, PLACE AND CIRCUMSTANCE

The incident probably took place in the autumn of 29 A. D. The incident we are to study took place near the city of Caesarea Philippi, in northern Palestine, at probably the most northern point trodden by our Lord in His earthly travels.

Our Lord went north from Bethsaida some twenty-five or thirty miles along the eastern side of the Jordan to its upper courses near the city of Caesarea Philippi. We must not confuse this town with the much more important one of Caesarea by the sea, Caesarea Stratonis, the seat of the Roman government of the province of Syria of which the Palestine of our Lord's day was a part of the city where Paul was imprisoned and where he made his famous defense before Agrippa.

Caesarea Philippi was situated near the more eastern and chief of the two sources of the Jordan, on a rocky terrace under Mt. Hermon, a few miles east of Dan, the old frontier city of Israel. It was an old city which had fallen partly into ruin, and had been rebuilt by Philip the Tetrarch, and renamed by him for the emperor and himself.

### II. THE CONFESSION OF THE FLESH

"Whom do men say that I am?" Men all say that He is somebody. And they all say that He is somebody great. In that day they said, some of them, "He is John the Baptist." That was something. You do not think of that rugged, fearless, heroic, uncompromising man as a weakling, a molly-coddle, a sissy. "And others, Elijah."

But that stern old prophet could not in the past have resembled the effeminate figure imagined by the medieval artists as being a fair representation of our Lord. The people of His day, in their efforts to rationalize Him and thus dispose of Him, argued that He was some one of the great ones of their history. But the answer they gave was the answer of reason unaided by the spirit of revelation. It was the answer of flesh and blood.

### III. THE CONFESSION OF FAITH

"Thou art the Christ, the son of the living God" (Matt. 16:16). This was not the first time one of the disciples had declared Him to be the son of God. Hundreds of days before this Nathaniel had said, the first time he ever saw Jesus, "Teacher, thou art the Son of God; thou art the king of Israel" (John 1:49).

After, "Many of His disciples went back and walked no more with Him," Peter had said, "We have believed and know that thou art the Holy One of God" (John 6:69). But up till then, Jesus had enjoyed a growing popularity, with multitudes thronging Him wherever He went.

But a change of attitude in regard to Him had taken place since then. The rulers of the people, the priests, the scribes and Pharisees, the Herodians and the Sadducees had formed an alliance, the purpose of which was to ruin Him, so that He had been forced to flee from the scenes of His Galilean ministry. "You see how the crowds have left Me, how those in authority among the people of the nation have treated Me; how say you now?"

It is easy to approve and applaud a man while he rides the crest of the wave, but how when he has sunk into the trough of the angry billows? Are ye only fair weather friends, or friends whatever wind doth blow? Am I still your Lord and your God when I wander friendless, alone and far from approving voices and

## Religious Film A Success In A Commercial Theatre

An important milestone in religious cinematic history was made with the showing of "I Am With You," a religious motion picture, by a major New York theatre. A feature length film, "I Am With You" is the first church picture to be accorded this distinction.

Attempts to show religious films commercially heretofore have met with little acceptance. Even when the picture compared technically with the Hollywood product, exhibitors considered church films a poor boxoffice risk. But "I Am With You" broke the barrier.

Results proved as gratifying to theatrical distributors as religious circles. New York critics acclaimed the authenticity of atmosphere, its simplicity, honesty and inspirational qualities. The New York Daily News gave it a three star evaluation, one of their highest ratings. Said Frank Quinn of the New York Mirror, "A noble, reverent tribute to the devotion of missionaries who struggle to bring religion to remote regions."

"I Am With You" is an important "first." Its success is dual. There can be no doubt that a really good film with a strong religious message can find a niche in the theatre, and it affords many religious leaders an opportunity to prove to Hollywood that church-goers will support worthy films at the boxoffice.

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THE BAPTIST RECORD APPRECIATES a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions from Big Ridge Church, Gulf Coast Association. The list was sent by Mrs. L. C. Barnette, Treasurer.

applauding hands?" That's what He wants to know of you and me, now, this hour. Peter's confession has been aptly said to form the watershed of gospel history. From now on, the Master could turn His attention to the great event which He came to the world to consummate.

But mark His response to Peter. "Happy art thou, Simon son of John; for flesh and blood did not reveal this unto thee, but my father who is in heaven" (Matt. 16:17). That is right. No man by searching has found out God. No man by ratiocination has ever apprehended the Christ. The wise men of Athens (these were the wisest men in the world), had but built an altar "To the unknown God." Christ is revealed to the human heart and, except God stoop in revelation, the human heart remains dark as to the light of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

"Whom say ye that I am?" Life, character, destiny are all wrapped up in the answer men give to that question. And how shall men become prepared to give the correct answer? Not of themselves unaided, to be sure, for "No one can come unto Me, unless the Father who sent Me draw him." It is written in the prophets, "And they all be taught of God" (John 6:44-45). So that is it! They shall all put themselves under the yoke of God, to learn of Him, to search, obediently and earnestly and heroically for the truth of the word of God.

Men shall seek as for the pearl of great price, as for the treasure hid in the field, as for the life without which men shall never truly live, for the truth as it lies hidden deep in the mind of God. Thirsty souls shall pant for the truth as famished hearts pant for the cooling water-brooks, and to each such thirsty one, God shall give of the living water where of he that drinketh shall thirst no more forever.

## Japanese Student Speaks To Winston Baptists



MISS YONEKA KAJITA

By N. G. Hickman

Winston County Missionary

Miss Yoneka Kajita, student of Blue Mountain College, will speak at the meeting of Winston County Baptists on April 14 at Murphy Creek Church, eight miles east of Louisville.

"Nicky," as she is affectionately called by her fellow-students, was born in Manila where she lived with her parents until the Pearl Harbor attack. Her home is in Kokura, Japan.

During the war she was first in an American concentration camp, then employed as an interpreter with the Japanese army, and finally in flight up in the mountains of Luzon. There she suffered untold hardships. She lived daily in the midst of death by exposure, starvation, and disease. Deliverance came when the war ended. She, along with other civilians and soldiers who came down and gave themselves up, were sent back to Japan.

Rejoining her family who had gone to Kokura to live after the Pearl Harbor attack, she became employed with a Baptist Mission School. There she came to be associated with Missionary Dozier and his wife. It was through them that arrangements were made to send her to Blue Mountain to finish her education which was interrupted by the war in Manila.

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Gaspar H. Pickering

WHEREAS, on December 1, 1948, God in His infinite wisdom saw fit to call home Gaspar H. Pickering;

WHEREAS, Mr. Pickering was a cherished member of Twenty-Eight Avenue Church, Clerk of the Church, and Chairman of the Deacons.

BE IT RESOLVED, that this church in conference assembled pay final tribute to the memory of her beloved brother in Christ Jesus;

We recall with deep appreciation his vision and foresight in the advancement of this church. We remember how freely he gave of his time and his talents in the building of this church—perhaps at a time when he was much sicker than we knew.

We recall with fondness how he pleaded before the Deacons that Twenty-Eighth Avenue Church was building for the future, and that the task must be well done.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of these resolutions be presented to the wife and family of Gaspar H. Pickering, a copy spread upon the permanent records of this church, and a copy submitted to The Baptist Record for publication.

Done by order of the Twenty-Eighth Avenue Baptist Church on this sixth day of March, Nineteen Hundred Forty-Nine.

J. W. CRAWLEY,  
Chairman of the Board  
THOMAS S. MESSER  
Pastor of the Church

## CHRIST—PEACE

By Dr. Ernest O. Sellers  
New Orleans Baptist Seminary

"Christ is our peace:"

In this dark world of sorrow,  
Through time's lone endless morrow,  
Why should we troubles borrow?

He is our peace. Eph. 2:14

"Christ speaketh peace:"

While many plans men mention,  
They bring earth sorry tension,  
For few give Christ attention,

He speaketh peace. Mark 4:39

"Christ maketh peace:"

Though men may strive and struggle,  
Engulf the world in trouble,  
One day He'll crush pride's bauble,  
He maketh peace. John 14:27

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## IN MEMORY OF ALBERT . . .

Born Oct. 11, 1895—

—Died May 30, 1947

Darling, I miss you more each day,  
Time seems so long since you went away.

No matter where I go or what I do,  
I'm always thinking dear of you.

Time will never heal my aching heart.

This I know is true.

Many years may pass away,

Still I will yearn, and long for you.

We were so happy together there,  
In our little home we built with care.  
You were a friend to every man,  
Always ready to lend a helping hand.

If I had all the world to give,  
I'd give it yes, and more,  
To hear your voice, and see you smile  
And greet you at the door.

Friends may think I have forgotten  
When at times they see me smile,  
But they little know the heartaches  
These smiles hide all the while.

I think of you in silence.

No eye may see me weep,

But many silent tears are shed

While others are asleep.

But all I can do, dear one,

Is go and tend your grave,

And leave behind tokens of love

To the best husband God ever gave.

How happy I'll be, when my blessed Saviour

Calls me home with him to rest.

Where I'll never more be parted

From the one I love the best.

Christ is my companion, a way through  
The darkness He will show,

If I lean on His love as I tremblingly go.

A little while in this sinful world to wait.

Seems I hear a gentle whisper "Dear,  
I'll be waiting for you at the Golden Gate."

Yes, I'll see your smile in Heaven  
When life's fleeting days are o'er.

We will walk the streets together,

Where I'll hold your hand once more.

His Wife,

FANNY McGEHEE

WESTBROOK

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## THE BAPTIST RECORD APPRECIATES

a nice list of subscriptions sent in from Union Church, Pearl River County, by John S. Rester, clerk and treasurer.



## WEST LAUREL CHURCH ORDAINS ELEVEN DEACONS

On March 11, West Laurel Church ordained the following eleven men to the deaconship: Bill Boutwell, H. H. Boler, S. D. Hughes, Jr., Bernell Warren, Bill Tolar, Wildred Upton, Lamar Valentine, Virgil Humphrey, Otis Bush, Clyde Watson and Lenwood Blackmon.

The ordaining council was composed as follows: J. H. Street, pastor, Second Avenue Church; J. M. Foy, pastor, South Laurel; and J. T. Renfro, pastor, Beacon Church, and deacons from West Laurel, Second Avenue, Beacon, First Church and Antioch. The pastor H. J. Rushing was elected moderator with Alvie Varner as secretary of the council.

The Rev. P. R. Street spoke on the work of the deacon. The Charge to the Church was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Roy, and the Charge to the Deacons by the Rev. Mr. Renfro.

H. J. Rushing lead the ordination prayer and after the Laying on of Hands the hand of fellowship was extended to the new Deacons and their wives.

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## Grateful German Boy Writes

Morris Edwards of Longview has experienced the verse in Ecclesiastes which reads, "Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days. In Morris' case it was a pair of pants which he put in a bundle of relief clothing and sent through the Southern Baptist Relief Center to a German family. Recently he received a letter from a young German, parts of which are given below:

Hersfeld, Germany  
March 8, 1949

I don't know if you are a boy or an adult, but I thank you in the name of my brother for the pants you sent to Germany. We received it this week. We got it by the "Baptist Relief" and I think you are a Baptist, too.

I think you want to hear some about our family and Germany. We are five persons in our family. Father, mother and three children. Dieter (that's me), Siegfried (who got the pants), and our little sister Elfriede. I'm 19, Siegfried, 13, and Elfriede, 9 years old. We live in a town of middle-Germany with a population of about 24,000 thousand. We have a post office, a theatre, 2 cinemas, and a high school.

The pants we can need very much, because we cannot get much clothing in Germany. Germany is a poor land. Also we have not so much food than America.

I hope in a few years I can emigrate to America like many other peoples.

Your grateful,  
DIETER MARGUARDT

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## Northeast Bible Conference To Meet On April 5

The Northeast Mississippi Baptist Bible Conference will begin at 10 a. m. n April 5, meeting in the New Prospect Church, Monroe County.

The morning devotional will be given by Rev. Joseph T. Nail. Three 30 minute sermons will be delivered on the following subjects: Regeneration, Rev. John F. Masells; Sanctification, Rev. S. S. Kelly, and Glorification, Dr. H. R. Holcomb.

Following lunch, served by the host church, Rev. L. C. Riley will bring a 30 minute sermon on Evangelism. The meeting will adjourn at 2 p. m., following an open discussion on the above subjects and a business period.



DR. W. LANDON MILLER

Shown above is Dr. W. Landon Miller, pastor of First Church, Brookhaven, who will be host pastor of the One-Day Evangelistic Revival being held in Brookhaven on Tuesday, April 5. The meeting will begin at 9:00 and continue throughout the day and evening with Dr. Robert G. Lee speaking at the morning and evening sessions.

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## N. O. Seminary Observes 26th Annual Homecoming

The New Orleans Theological Seminary observed its 26th annual Homecoming week March 14 through 18th.

Dr. W. R. White, president of Baylor University, delivered the "Layne lectures," and Hon Jesse M. Johnson, lawyer and prominent layman of Richmond, Virginia, gave the "Tharp lectures." Dr. White also preached a series of evangelistic sermons each evening during the week.

"The Gospel" and "Man's Response to the Gospel" were the subjects of the lectures given by Dr. White.

"The gospel is the true account of the virgin born, vitally living, vicariously dying, victoriously risen, visibly returning Christ," Dr. White stated.

Mr. Johnson exhorted the seminarians to be self-reliant, to work hard, and to have powerful convictions.

"Any old fish can go down the stream, but it takes a real one to go up stream.

"Preach the Word, and be prepared on every sermon," said Mr. Johnson.

(signed) LOUIS E. BOHLEN  
Seminary Reporter

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## Northeast Central Pastors Conference To Meet April 4

The Northeast Central Pastors' Conference will meet on April 4, at Mathison.

Included on the morning program which is to begin at 10 a. m. is a devotional by Rev. J. V. Wilson, and study in Romans by Rev. I. F. Metts. Dr. W. L. Holcomb, State Temperance Secretary, will deliver the morning message.

After the lunch hour Rev. R. B. Hicks will lead in a round table discussion and will each lead in a study of I Peter 3.

The Conference will adjourn at 3:00 o'clock.

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LAWRENCE COUNTY ASSOCIATION—minutes have been received in the Baptist Record office. The next session of the association will meet in the Wavilla Church on October 4. Rev. B. E. Phillips is the moderator and John W. Terry is the clerk.

## 68 Per Cent Of Ministers Now Serve As Active Pastors

By Porter Routh

During the past year, a complete check of the ministers' list has revealed that of the 27,343 names of men who are now listed as licensed or ordained ministers in Southern Baptist churches, 16,251 or 68 per cent were serving as active pastors when the associational reports were made.

The reports indicated that 1341 new ministers were ordained during the year, more than twice the number ordained in 1947. This does not include the large number licensed.

Of the 16,251 men serving as pastors of churches, 12,440 serve only one church. The survey indicates that 2,545 men serve as pastor of two churches, 796 serve three churches, 310 serve four churches, 108 five churches, 31 six churches, 15 seven churches and 4 eight churches. Two men in the Southern Baptist convention serve as pastor of nine churches.

The complete study, on a state by state basis, will appear in the 1949 Southern Baptist Handbook, to be released by Baptist book stores on May 1.

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## UNITY CHURCH PLANS HOMECOMING ON APRIL 24

The Unity Church, Pascagoula, will have Homecoming Day on April 24. All former pastors, members and friends are invited to attend the day's services.

Rev. W. W. Kyzar, Sr., of Columbia, will be the guest speaker at both the morning and afternoon services and dinner will be served on the grounds.

Rev. Liston Draughon, pastor, leads the church in a full-time program. The Sunday School and Training Union have an average attendance of 35 and the mid-week prayer service is well attended. Ten families are now receiving the Baptist Record on the EVERY FAMILY plan and the Co-operative Program is included in the church budget. Six Sunday school rooms have been completed in the annex.

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## Beer Boom Drops IS POPULAR TO OPPOSE

CHICAGO—The question whether beer may be hitting the skids of public disfavor appears to be definitely posed in the light of three surprising current facts declares the American Business Men's Research Foundation.

These three facts are:  
First: a drop of 70,237, 661 gallons of beer in 1948 as compared with 1947 (January-December) say just released by government figures.

Second: "Beer consumption over the bar has dropped 40 percent to 60 percent in the last three months" say market reports.

Third: Two smashing defeats of beer already in 1949, in representative local option elections: one in Mississippi, Chickasaw County, by more than a 2 to 1 vote; another in North Carolina, Rutherford County, more than 14 to 1 defeat for beer in a 11,000 vote total. Several hundred more local elections are already projected for 1949 in some twenty-five states.

All this has happened despite a record breaking \$60,000,000 of beer advertising, keynote appeal of which has been that "Beer Belongs . . ." in the home, as everywhere else.

Is 1949 to see a new trend away from acceptance of the amber liquid?

## Gospel Service Society Has Talking Book Machine

The Gospel Service Society, a non-profit enterprise of Christian laymen to disseminate Christian literature in Meridian, Lauderdale County and regions beyond, has extended its ministry to include the Blind. They have acquired for their use in this work a Talking Book Machine from the U. S. Government, on which they play the Gospels and portions of the Bible. They also have the Records of the Bible for loan to anyone who has a Talking Book Machine. They are loaned for a ten day period. All of this service is free of charge. Anyone knowing the name and address of a blind individual who cares for this service, please notify Mrs. T. W. Cobb, secretary for the Blind, 1507 17th Avenue, Meridian. This Gospel service is available to both white and colored.

This organization, which started out as a Tract distribution band, has passed the 24,000 mark in literature distribution. They will be glad to hear from any institution or individual who has need of this service. You can also help this cause by sending them all kinds of Baptist literature to be used in missions and Sunday School work. Send to Gospel Service Society, 1719 17th Ave., Meridian. They supply many Churches Sunday Schools and Missions with literature, free of charge.

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## Musical Appreciation Now Taught By Churches

By Ernest O. Sellers

America has awakened to a new musical day. Scores of fine orchestras, thirteen million young women studying music, millions of school children, High School bands, glee clubs and college music departments. All this means that church leaders must be alert to say nothing about endeavoring to enlist the cooperation of such a great host.

Too long the intellectual appeal of the sermon has overshadowed the emotional values of worship and music. By the emotional value of music we do not mean the aesthetical nor the physical, foot appeal, which so often perverts real worship.

This broader comprehension of musical values ought to lead us to make careful study of the hymnal. Haphazard, careless, ignorant, or ineffective methods will not meet the requirements of this new day of broader musical knowledge, to say naught of a proper approach to spiritual values.

We are happy to record a new momentum being given to hymn singing. Witness the "Hymn Hours" on the radio—some of them national in scope. Hymn Festivals in all parts of the land. Every minister should take advantage of this new, nation-wide, interest and use it for the advancement of the spiritual uplift of the church. Music helps all, hinders none.

A discriminating use of the best of church music and an extension of a knowledge of the hymnal will greatly enrich church programs and attract many who are now indifferent to the claims of the gospel.

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A COPY OF THE MINUTES OF THE Calhoun County Association has been sent to the Baptist Record. The material enclosed is well organized and the printers did a good job. B. Murphree is the moderator and E. A. Dye is the clerk.